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Origin: Los Angeles, California — File No. 62-377

Report made at:	Date made:	Period:	Made by:
Indianapolis, Indiana	11/13/42	9/3,10/17/42	CARL C. PERIMAN CCP:MSS

Title: VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases: Virginia Dalgy, Virginia Dalgy, Virginia Hillburn, Virginia Watson, Virginia Epstein, Virginia Gonzales, "Cob"

Character: INFORMATION CONCERNING

Synopsis: Bureau letter dated 9/19/42 to Los Angeles Field Office requested that the telephone calls made by subject from the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria, New York, New York, be checked for possible associates. Telephone number Lincoln 6569, Indianapolis, Indiana is the law firm of WEISS, BORN, and WEISS. JACOB WEISS is a close associate of MAJOR RIDDLE. CHARLES CONAWAY in cast, "My Sister Eileen", very friendly towards HILL.

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Reference: Bureau letter dated September 19, 1942 to the Los Angeles Field Office, Bureau file #62-68739; Teletype from the Chicago Field Division to Indianapolis, October 3, 1942; Report made by Special Agent H. FRANK ANGELL, Los Angeles, California October 6, 1942.

Details: AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

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On September 30, 1942, a check was made of the Criss-Cross Telephone Directory for the city of Indianapolis which reflected that telephone number Lincoln 6569 was listed to the law firm of WEISS, BORN, and WEISS, room #512, 8 East Market Street, Indianapolis, Indiana; a check of the City Directory reflected that this firm consisted of EZRA and JACOB WEISS and FERDINAND BORN.

Captain EDWARD ROULS of the Indianapolis Detective Division, advised that JACOB WEISS was the legal advisor for the local Teamsters and Chauffers Union. Captain

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ROULS stated that WEISS was an intimate friend of MAJOR RIDDLE who is also engaged in the trucking business. Captain ROULS considered WEISS unreliable with reference to being interviewed by a Bureau Agent to obtain any information relative to subject HILL because of the intimate association between WEISS and RIDDLE.

Captain ROULS called attention to the fact that JACOB WEISS resided at 5744 Washington Boulevard and MAJOR RIDDLE resided at 5930 Washington Blvd., both Indianapolis, Indiana.

In view of the information furnished by Captain ROULS, it was deemed appropriate not to attempt an interview with WEISS.

It is to be noted from referenced letter that subject HILL had made a telephone call to Indianapolis on December 17, 1941 to the law office of Mr. WEISS.

The telephone call made in referenced letter on December 12, 1941, Indianapolis, Indiana Mayker 630 is apparently in error - there being no such exchange or number.

On October 3, 1942, the Chicago Field Division by teletype to the Indianapolis Field Division requested that Mr. CHARLES CONAWAY, a dancer in the cast, "My Sister EILEEN" be interviewed concerning HILL. The teletype advised that NATE GROSS, newspaper columnist, had advised that Mr. CONAWAY had been hired as an escort for subject HILL when she first came to Hollywood. HILL had refused to pay very soon after CONAWAY was employed.

On October 17, 1942, CHARLES CONAWAY was interviewed at the Washington Hotel and he advised that he first became acquainted with subject HILL in Florida where he was engaged as a dancing teacher. He said he was dancing with subject HILL and that she began to order him around at which time he reprimanded her severely saying "You're attractive, but your voice and your manner is very undignified". As a result of this incident, an argument followed and they became good friends.

Mr. CONAWAY stated that HILL had given him money on several occasions which he had used to help support his family. Mr. CONAWAY stated that he was 24 years of age and that he was "reared" in Chicago. His family was once wealthy but now is poverty-stricken.

Mr. CONAWAY stated that subject HILL was instrumental in furnishing money for him to go to Hollywood where he made an effort to get in pictures.

While in Hollywood, CONAWAY stated that HILL gave him money on numerous occasions and that he broke off from her because of an argument one morning about

2:30 and she requested that he come to her apartment the next morning and act in the capacity as a chauffer. CONAWAY stated that he refused because HILL already had two chauffers at her command. He said that this incident occured about a year and a half ago. He had not seen her since that time. Since being in the show, "My Sister EILEEN", CONAWAY stated he had received a telegram from HILL requesting to see him. It is to be noted that the company "My Sister EILEEN" disbanded at Indianapolis, Indiana on October 17, 1942. Mr. CONAWAY advised that he was returning to New York City and he planned to contact HILL there. His address in New York will be in care of Miss MARY CONAWAY, sister, 42 24 247th Street, Little Neck, Long Island, New York.

Mr. CONAWAY appeared somewhat astonished when an inquiry was made concerning subject HILL. He advised that he was a rather close friend of hers and he had been rather closely associated with her at the time they were together in California. Mr. CONAWAY was not questioned in detail as to the financial status of HILL because of his apparent suprise and interest in the interview. CONAWAY was requested to keep the interview confidential, but it is not deemed advisable that he be re-contacted in New York in view of his apparent friendliness toward HILL. CONAWAY stated that HILL seemed to always have several millionaires at her fingertips on whom she could call for exorbitant sums of money at any time which she lavishly spent in night clubs. CONAWAY stated that HILL was an exceedingly heavy drinker and assumed the attitude of a man in the night clubs in that she would order the food and pay the bills. She would create a scene if anyone else attempted to pay same. Mr. CONAWAY stated that in view of HILL's drinking, he doubted if she could continue this type of life more than five or six years. No other information of value relative to subject HILL was obtained from Mr. CONAWAY, but he told of several night club escapades with her which are not being set out in view of the fact that Mr. CONAWAY did not use any names and it was not believed advisable to question him closely because of his friendly attitude towards HILL.

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The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

In connection with an investigation now being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of this Department, I shall appreciate your furnishing me with uncertified photostatic copies of the income tax returns filed by Joseph Epstein, 162 East Ohio Street or 4208 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, for the calendar years 1940 and 1941.

Sincerely yours,

Attorney General.

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Report made at	Date	Period	Report made by
ATLANTA, GEORGIA	11/14/42	10/24,28/42	ROBERT EDWARD LEE CM

Title	Character
VIRGINIA HILL, With Aliases; ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON.	INFORMATION CONCERNING

Synopsis of Facts: Subject HILL reported to have spent money very freely while visiting relatives at Marietta, Ga. Marietta telephone 1088 listed to subject HILL's mother, who bears good reputation. No indication of subversive activities.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J.S. STEWART dated 8/29/42 at New York, N. Y.
Report of Special Agent HOWARD L. GILLESPIE dated 9/21/42 at New York, N. Y.
Report of Special Agent R. L. BLACKWELL dated 10/19/42 at Chicago, Ill.

DETAILS: AT ATLANTA, GA.

Mr. GRISS ABERNATHEY, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army, Camp Lee, Virginia, formerly the editor of the Cobb County Times, Marietta, Georgia, from 1934 to 1941, advised that subject HILL came to Marietta on two or three occasions to visit her mother and family, and while there she spent money very freely, buying several automobiles and spending a lot of money for clothes for her mother and brothers, and that his paper had printed one or two short stories concerning the activities and presence of the subject in Marietta. He said, however, that he had never had occasion himself to interview her and that it was the opinion of the citizens of Marietta that she was employed as a

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dancer in some night club located in New York City. He stated that he had no idea where the subject secured her income.

AT MARIETTA, GA.

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On October 28, 1942, Mr. E. C. WARD, of the Cobb County Police Department, stated that he knew very little about subject HILL or her family; that her mother is considered to be very poor and is reported to have only the income that is sent to her by her daughter, the subject. He stated that in his opinion this is a very small amount. Mr. WARD advised that when subject HILL visits in Marietta she causes quite a bit of gossip because of the large sums of money she spends. He said, however, that she had never caused any trouble while in Marietta nor has she made any remarks against the United States during this national emergency, and as far as he knew the family of subject HILL are all loyal citizens since he had never heard any remarks to the contrary. Mr. WARD advised that the subject HILL has purchased two or three Buick automobiles from Allen Brown, Buick dealer in Marietta, and that she had another car on order which was a specially built automobile, but it was frozen before delivery.

PETE JACKSON, taxi driver, advised that while subject HILL was in Marietta about two years ago she bought a new Buick automobile and hired him to drive it to Miami, Florida, for her. He said that he drove this car to Miami and left subject HILL and the automobile at the Dempsey Vanderbilt Hotel there, and that for this trip the subject gave him $130.00 to cover expenses. He said that while subject HILL was visiting in Marietta she purchased several things, including clothes, furniture, and other household goods for her family. He said that she spent money very freely while visiting there and that he has not seen her since he took her as a passenger to the railroad depot in Marietta over a year ago. JACKSON said that during the trip to Florida subject HILL had never to his knowledge said anything that could be considered detrimental to the best interests of this country; and neither did he hear her make any such statements during her stay in Marietta. JACKSON could not give any information as to the source of her income. He stated further that subject HILL's mother formerly lived at 1000 Church Street but had since moved to the home of BILL CLACKUM just off of Whitlock Street, Marietta.

The information requested in reference reports dated at New York City August 29, 1942, and September 26, 1942, was furnished the office of origin and the Bureau in the report of Special Agent JOHN E. KEEFE dated September 4, 1942, at Atlanta, Georgia. However, for the information of the offices not receiving copies, a check was made at the Marietta exchange of the Southern Bell Telephone Company and it was ascertained that telephone 1088 was formerly assigned to Mrs. MARGARET HILL, but this telephone was disconnected February 21, 1942. It should be noted that Mrs. HILL is subject's mother.

Confidential Informant A stated that he had received a letter from the Telephone Company in Hollywood, California, in 1941 requesting information as to subject HILL's whereabouts, advising that she had run up a bill with that company and then left California. He said that he questioned Mrs. MARGARET HILL, subject HILL's mother, and learned that the subject had moved from California to Chicago, Illinois. He stated that he had heard a rumor that subject HILL was part owner of some night club in New York and was still furnishing her mother with money for expenses. He said that he believed the subject's mother

was a loyal citizen and he had heard nothing to the contrary. He stated that he knew nothing at all concerning subject HILL except that she has always paid her bills promptly as far as he was concerned.

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Confidential Informant A mentioned in this report is [redacted] Marietta, Georgia. b7D

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PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.	11-18-42	10-17-42	BENJAMIN F. SULLIVAN

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VIRGINIA HILL, was.	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Calls made to Phila. were to Club Bali. No direct inquiry made in Club because it was believed that the purpose of the investigation would be defeated because of the questionable character of the owner.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter (Bureau file 62-68739) to Los Angeles Field Division.

DETAILS: Inquiry made at the Bell Telephone Company established that the two calls made to Kingsley 8851 and Pennypacker 2844, Philadelphia, Penna., were made to the Club Bali, 311 South Broad Street.

A call was made to the Club under pretext, and it was established that MRS. MARA was an employee.

A preliminary investigation of this Club established its owner to be of a questionable character, and it is believed that direct inquiry made in the Club would defeat the purpose of the investigation. Unless requested to do so, no additional investigation will be conducted.

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Date: December 5, 1942

To: SAC, Los Angeles

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases
INFORMATION CONCERNING

With reference to your previous request for uncertified photostatic copies of the income tax returns of Virginia Hill for the years 1940 and 1941, there are transmitted herewith copies of a letter dated November 27, 1942, directed to the Attorney General by Guy T. Helvering, Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
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The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

In connection with an investigation now being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of this Department, I shall appreciate your furnishing me with uncertified photostatic copies of the income tax returns for the calendar years 1940 and 1941, filed by Virginia Hill, which individual is known to have used the following aliases:

Virginia D'Algy	Virginia Watson
Virginia Dalgy	Virginia Epstein
Virginia Hillburn	Virginia Gonzales

This individual is presently residing at 42, or 1436 Bella Drive, Beverly Hills, California. She is believed to have resided at the following addresses:

1000 Church Street, Marietta, Georgia
The Seneca Hotel, 200 East Chestnut Street, Chicago, Illinois
10 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois
The St. Clair Hotel, 162 East Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois
4200 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois
The Essex House, New York City
1619 Broadway, New York City

Sincerely yours,

Attorney General.

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Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
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United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles, California
November 6, 1942

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Re: VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases: Virginia D'Algy, Virginia Dalgy, Virginia Hillburn, Virginia Watson, Virginia Epstein, Virginia Gonzales, "Cot";
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of October 27, 1942 in the above entitled matter, your File #62-68739, I have set forth in the title of this case the various names used at one time or another by Subject for assistance in locating her income tax return.

A review of the file in this matter reflects no positive residence for HILL; however, the following addresses are being set forth which she used at one time or another:

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1000 Church Street, Marietta, Georgia (the home of her mother, MARGARET)
The Seneca Hotel, 200 East Chestnut Street, Chicago, Illinois, (a hotel frequently used by HILL)
10 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois (business address of JOSEPH EPSTEIN)
The St. Clair Hotel, 162 East Ohio Street, Chicago, (EPSTEIN's residence)
4208 Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois, (the address given by EPSTEIN to his Draft Board)
The Essex House, New York City, (where HILL has been known to stop in previous years)
1619 Broadway (the location of the Huricane Restaurant, New York City, which was at one time financed by HILL)
#2, or 1436 Bella Drive, Beverly Hills, California, the home of JUAN ROMERO, where HILL IS presently staying.

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It is suggested that effort be made to locate HILL's income tax return for the calendar years 1940 and 1941.

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For your further information HILL arrived in Los Angeles, California October 20, 1942 from Chicago, Illinois, accompanied by MIGUELITO VALDEZ; KAY

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Re: VIRGINIA HILL, was.;
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PENTON was not with her. They are presently living at JUAN ROMEROS. HILL spent the week-end of October 24, 1942 at Palm Springs, and the San Diego Office has been requested to conduct appropriate investigation there.

Complete information developed with reference to HILL's presence in this city will be submitted in report form in the near future. She and VALDEZ have been keeping pretty much to themselves at ROMERO's home.

Yours truly,

R. B. Hood

R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

cc Chicago

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of September 22, 1942, requesting certain investigation herein. (U)

Inasmuch as the Bureau has not as yet received from you the results of such requested investigation, it is desired that you afford this matter appropriate and immediate attention. (U)

For your assistance in the conduct of the inquiry desired, you are advised that information has been received to the effect that subject had been in Mexico City, date unknown, for the purpose of arranging for the opening of a night club which she had purchased for one Carlos Veldez (Carlos Valadez Gonzales) a former husband of subject. (U)

Information has also been received to the effect that Virginia Hill wrote a letter to one John Carroll, a movie actor, who, it is believed, at one time had an affair with Virginia Hill, which letter was written from Sonora, Mexico, requesting the addressee to submit an affidavit of Hill's character in order that she might get back into the United States.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Re: VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases
INFORMATION CONCERNING
Bureau file 62-68739

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent ROBERT L. BLACKWELL, dated October 19, 1942, at Chicago, Illinois, which sets forth a lead for the Miami Office to ascertain at Miami Beach, Florida, the connection between VIRGINIA HILL and a Mr. FAULKE, telephone number 50571, who was telephonically contacted by HILL from Chicago, Illinois, on March 7, 1941.

This is to advise that telephone number 50571 is the Roney Plaza Hotel on Miami Beach. A check of the guest records and employee records revealed that no one by the name of FAULKE registered at the hotel or was employed at the hotel during the year 1941. Various spellings of the name of FAULKE were checked with negative results also. Because of the lapse of time the telephone records have been destroyed by the hotel authorities, and, therefore, no check of same could be made.

Inasmuch as there is no further investigation to be conducted by this office, this case is considered Referred upon Completion to the Office of Origin.

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Very truly yours,

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases.	INFORMATION CONCERNING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: TOM BRUMBY presently in the Armed Forces, address Postmaster, New York, USA.

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REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent R. L. BLACKWELL, Chicago, dated 10/19/42.

Report of Special Agent H. FRANK ANGELL, Los Angeles, dated 11/17/42.

DETAILS: AT MARIETTA, GEORGIA:

On November 24, 1942 Mr. J. F. HICKS, Sheriff of Cobb County, Marietta, Georgia, telephonically advised that TOM BRUMBY is an Ensign in the United States Navy assigned to the U.S.S. Kerney and his mailing address is Postmaster, New York, USA. No lead is being set out by this office to interview BRUMBY.

Sheriff HICKS stated it was his opinion that Ensign BRUMBY could not give any additional information concerning this subject other than what had previously been reported by his Deputies and by others who were interviewed in Marietta by Agents of this office.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

In view of the fact that the investigation conducted to date into the activities of Virginia Hill has failed to indicate a violation of a Federal Statute within the investigative jurisdiction of the Bureau, no further investigation need be conducted and the file may be closed.

Very truly yours,

Edw. A. Tamm

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases: Virginia D'Algy, Virginia Dalgy, Virginia Hillburn, Virginia Watson, Virginia Epstein, Virginia Gonzales, Cot"

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FACTS:

You will recall that Columnist Mark Hellinger submitted information to the Los Angeles Field Division that Virginia Hill, prominent in cafe society circles in Los Angeles, had passed a large check at Ciro's Night Club in Los Angeles which check, according to Barry Wilkerson, manager of Ciro's, was from the Attorney General; that Hill apparently had unlimited funds and entertained in a lavish fashion.

Discreet investigation has been conducted for the purpose of determining the sources of Hill's income and the nature and extent of her activities, the results of which, to date, are reflected below.

Hill is reported to entertain at very lavish and expensive parties and to contribute heavily to the tills of night clubs.

Hill was born at Bessemer, Alabama and is approximately twenty-five years of age. Her parents are financially poor and she is alleged to be supporting her mother who is separated from her father. She did not finish grammar school and juvenile court records indicate she was a problem child at an early age.

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It is stated that some time in the latter part of 1932 or 1933 Hill, in order to attend the World's Fair in Chicago, married one George Rogers with whom she went to Chicago and from whom she was separated after a few days. Hill has said that Rogers died in 1933 leaving her $50,000. While in Chicago, Hill danced at the various night clubs on the World's Fair grounds and thereafter attended a dancing school, was employed as a teacher for that school for approximately one year, and then became a night club dancer and, while

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dancing at the Chez Paree is alleged to have met one Joseph Epstein, wealthy Chicago bookmaker. Apparently Epstein became very much interested in Virginia Hill and although Hill's sister has indicated that Epstein and Hill were married, investigation has indicated that this is not the case although it is known that Hill and Epstein have had an affair.

Hill subsequently returned to Bessemer where she married one Osgood Griffin and it is indicated that during this marriage Epstein was Hill's main source of support. Hill's marriage to Griffin was annulled and thereafter she went to Chicago and New York where she was employed at various night clubs and on some occasions made trips to Mexico. She is alleged to have gone to Hollywood and played a small part in some moving picture. Hill subsequently married one Carlos Valadez Gonzales, a Mexican dancer, in 1940 from whom she was later divorced.

Virginia Hill is alleged to have then met one Juan Romero, reputedly wealthy South American dancer and the owner of Falcon-Lair, the former home of Rudolph Valentino, located at 2 Bella Drive, Beverly Hills, California, where Virginia Hill presently resides when in Hollywood, along with Romero and one Miguelito Valdez, a Cuban singer, recently with Xavier Cougat's orchestra, with whom there are indications Hill is infatuated.

With reference to the above named Joseph Epstein, it is known that Hill has received large sums of money from him, the reasons for which payments are unknown unless it can be attributed to Epstein's infatuation and love for Hill. For example, it is known that twenty-one cashier's checks, aggregating over $10,000, were purchased by Epstein and forwarded to Hill or Romero during the period from June 1 to September 4, 1942, and from March 2, 1940 to September 5, 1942, Epstein has forwarded money orders to Hill, most of which were in comparatively small amounts but one of which was for $1,700 and another was for $2,200.

Nate Gross, Columnist on the Herald American newspaper in Chicago, states that Epstein worships Virginia Hill and believes him to be Hill's main source of income. Gross has also stated that Epstein has given Hill a fifty per cent interest in all the property which he owns in Chicago and that Hill has a terrific hold upon Epstein because of his love for her.

Epstein is a bookie for Stein and Horwick of Chicago.

For a while, Hill had an affair with one Major A. Riddle, reported at one time to be a millionaire playboy in the trucking business, but now apparently a gambler and not as affluent as he was at one time. There is no indication that Riddle supplied funds to Hill, however.

In addition to visiting Chicago, Hill visits New York City from time to time, occupying expensive suites and paying her bills in cash. While in New York she is alleged to spend money lavishly. For a while, Hill owned an interest in the Hurricane Night Club in New York, which interest, however, was relinquished in August, 1941.

Special Service contact, Harry Crocker, Assistant to the Publisher of the Los Angeles Examiner, has advised that Hill at one time was a "gangster's moll" in Cicero, Illinois, and has associated with Epstein, who was alleged to be tied up in some kind of a horse racket and has handled interests for Al Capone. Crocker also advised he received information that Hill made five trips to Mexico some time prior to August 25, 1941, that on each trip she had her hair dyed a different color and used a different name, and that there was a rumor to the effect that Hill is a go-between for a gang engaged in bringing Jewish refugees into the United States.

With reference to the statement made by Crocker concerning Al Capone, above set forth, it is interesting to note that Mrs. Mimmie Capone, wife of Ralph Capone, brother of Al Capone, recently accompanied Hill to the West Coast where Mrs. Capone posed as Miss Colleen Whitney, a southern debutante. Mrs. Capone is alleged to have said Hill obtains her money from the estates of her three former husbands, one of whom she claims was a Coca Cola heir.

John Carroll, a movie actor and a consort of Hill for several years, but who has recently apparently been supplanted in Hill's affections by Miguelito Valdez, has advised that Hill would have to have a fund of $2,000 a day to finance her expenditures. Carroll said he had spent quite a bit of time with Hill in Chicago and observed that wherever they went together it was usually to a place frequented by gangsters, and that all of the gangsters "bowed and scraped" to Hill and also to him, apparently because he was with Hill and it appeared to Carroll that they were afraid of her.

Carroll stated that Epstein, a bookmaker in Chicago, was one man from whom she secured money; that he could not understand what she had on him, pointing out that she would communicate in person or by telephone with Epstein, use foul language in addressing him and demand a specified amount of money, as much as $20,000, and that Epstein would always send the money to her. Hill once stated to Carroll she could get a million dollars any time she wanted it.

Carroll advised that as best he could recall, about ten years ago while he was in New York with Hill, she mentioned on several occasions she had to go down to Washington, D. C., without stating the purpose of such visits. On

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another occasion, Carroll said that Hill stated she could get him a Lieutenant Commander's commission in the Navy.

Carroll also advised that Hill, at approximately the time the Mexican Government took over the holdings of various oil companies in Mexico, wrote him a letter from Sonora, Mexico, requesting him to submit an affidavit of her character so she could reenter the United States. Carroll states he knows that Hill had been to Mexico City arranging for the opening of a night club which she had purchased for Carlos Gonzales, one of her former husbands.

While Hill was staying at the St. Clair Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, where she had registered on October 13, 1942, arrangements were made for the manager of the Hotel to monitor telephone calls made to and from her apartment. On one occasion Hill telephoned one Eddie Stein at Chatelline Towers, at which time she advised him that she had with her a bottle of "Bamboo Perfume" in which he might be interested. Hill also called someone named Clara and told her she had a bottle of "Bamboo Perfume." An unknown man called an unknown woman from Hill's apartment and told her about the perfume. There is such a perfume. It apparently is scarce.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is to be noted that the investigation to date has been handled in a discreet manner and although it has elicited certain pertinent information, it is felt that it will be impossible to determine definitely Epstein's and Hill's relationship and whether or not Hill is engaged in any illegal activities without an open investigation in order that contacts might be had with individuals who would not, because of obvious reasons, be contacted during the course of a discreet investigation. There are some few logical discreet inquiries yet to be made herein both in this country and in Mexico, which inquiry will be handled expeditiously. (U)

In view of the vagueness of the allegation, further inquiries do not appear to be warranted.

Respectfully,

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Title:	Character:
VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases: Virginia D'Algy, Virginia Dalgy, Virginia Hillburn, Virginia Watson, Virginia Epstein, Virginia Gonzales, "Cot"	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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HILL arrived Los Angeles, California, October 20, 1942, in company with MIGUELITO VALDEZ and met by JUAN ROMERO and HILL'S brother. KAY PENTON not with them. While in Los Angeles area HILL contacted JOE ADAMS, New York City, possibly through one ARTHUR McGOLDRICH, one JOHNNY at Madison Hotel, New York City, and the Mohawk Salvage, Chicago, Illinois. JOHN CARROLL, actor and informant herein, apparently not contacted by HILL, though CARROLL offered his services to VALDEZ, who is reportedly trying to organize an orchestra. HILL returned New York City, after spending some time in Palm Springs, California, buying expensive clothes, and nightclubbing. VALDEZ remained on West Coast.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File No. 62-68739.
Report of Special Agent H. FRANK ANGELL, Los Angeles, California, October 6, 1942.
Chicago teletype dated October 19, 1942.

DETAILS:

Reference teletype from the Chicago Office advised that HILL,

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accompanied by KAY PENTON, New York girlfriend, would arrive in Los Angeles, California 9:45 A.M., October 20, 1942, aboard the Union Pacific Train, the City of Los Angeles, on which they were to occupy Drawing room E, Car N--44.

The writer met the City of Los Angeles when it arrived at 11:30 A.M., October 20, 1942, and it was observed that HILL got off the train with MIGUELITO VALDEZ. They were met by JUAN ROMERO and a young boy who was later identified by CARROLL as being one of HILL'S brothers. They drove away in a yellow Buick Convertible, bearing current Illinois license No. 1133-121. It was later ascertained the same day that HILL and VALDEZ went to JUAN ROMERO'S home, where they stayed during the time that they were in Los Angeles. The same day arrangements were made to be advised of any toll calls made from the telephone of ROMERO, which is CRestview 68045.

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Under date of October 30, 1942, Confidential National Defense Informant L.A. 2 furnished the following toll and long distance calls made from the number just mentioned:

10/21/42	From VIRGINIA HILL to MARGARET HILL, Marietta, Georgia, 483 W
10/22/42	Palm Springs 2227
10/20/42	Western Union telegram to Mepons signed by VIRGINIA
10/20/42	Western Union telegram to Chicago signed VIRGINIA
10/21/42	CE 27208 - B. F. BRIDGES, 224½ E. 51st Street.
10/22/42	CE 27208
10/22/42	AD 8734 - JULES BUGGS, 435 E. 49th St.
10/23/42	TR 1001 - L. A. Transfer Co., 346 Aliso.
10/23/42	MI 4951 - MUTUAL EMPLOYMENT AGENCY, 326 W. 3rd, Room 218, MARIE SKINNER
10/23/42	CE 27208
10/23/42	CE 27208
10/23/42	CE 21372 - LIZADARY, MARGARET PAUL, 224 West 42nd Place.
10/24/42	TR 1001
10/24/42	AD 8734
10/24/42	CE 23172 - McKINELY WINTERS, 656½ E. 49th Street.
10/26/42	CE 27208

It was ascertained from the same source that the Palm Springs number 2227 called, presumably by HILL, on October 22, 1942, is listed to the Colonial House, 572 North Indian Avenue, Palm Springs, California. With reference to the individuals listed as being telephonically contacted from ROMERO'S home, Special Agent HUBERT F. GORDON checked the records of the Retail Merchants' Credit Association, with negative results, with reference to MARGARET PAUL LIZADARY, McKINELY WINTERS, JULES BUGGS, and B. F. BRIDGES. This inquiry was made by Agent GORDON on November 10, 1942.

It was ascertained through Source A that on October 20, 1942, HILL sent a telegram to ARTHUR McGOLDRICH, 323 Beach 146 Street, Neponsit, Long Island, New York. The telegram read "JOE Dearest. Arrived here. Everything fine except I miss you so much. I just can't get you off my mind. I love you. Signed VIRGINIA."

On the same date, HILL also sent a telegram to JOE EPSTEIN, St. Clair Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, which read:

> "I arrived O.K. Stop Everything here is fine Stop Call me when you have time. Love VIRGINIA." 13878

A notation appeared on the telegrams filed by the Western Union reflecting that they were to be charged to the number CRestview 68045, listed in the name of JUAN ROMERO. Also that one Mr. HILL was a brother of VIRGINIA HILL, the sender, and that he said it was all right to make the charge. It was also noted that VIRGINIA HILL lived in the same house with ROMERO.

On October 19, 1942, when it was known that HILL was about to come to town, Agent conferred with JOHN CARROLL, the actor previously mentioned in this case. In connection with CARROLL, the following Memorandum submitted by the writer is pertinent at this point:

"In the Los Angeles papers for October 6, 1942, appeared the story about one EDNA FIDLER accusing JOHN CARROLL, the actor, and informant herein, of beating her up on Monday night, October 5, 1942. CARROLL, on October 9, 1942, after having been in the Bureau office the previous day looking for Agent was telephonically contacted. He said that he had been put in the middle of a typical badger game and wanted to give the facts to the Bureau.

"He said that CLEM SALVE, a pimp around town whom he has known for some time, had submitted an affidavit covering his knowledge of the affair and CARROLL read from the affidavit. He said that he met EDNA FIDLER in Room 203 at the Warwick Hotel and one JAMES CUMMINGS, Room 201, on Saturday night, October 3rd. On Sunday FIDLER heard SALVE call CARROLL and expressed a desire to meet him. On Monday SALVE was with her in her room; she had been drinking, and SALVE called CARROLL, who was at that time at the Lakeside Country Club, and said he wanted to meet him and did meet him at 11:45 that night. SALVE told CARROLL he would like to have him meet FIDLER, so they went to the Warwick Hotel to FIDLER'S room, knocked, went in, CARROLL was introduced and he asked her if she was the girl who had been calling him for the past several days at five o'clock in the morning. She said she was. CARROLL saw FIDLER give CLEM the high sign to leave.

"After SALVE had gone FIDLER said to CARROLL, "You certainly look like my husband." CARROLL said he asked her where he was. She said she didn't know. CARROLL said immediately he got out of the room, went down to his car, gave CLEM the $3.00 he wanted to pay his room rent and went home. He said he was in bed at 12:30.

"SALVE in his affidavit said he returned to FIDLER'S room, where he found her in no way mistreated, the bed was in order, and her clothes were not disarrayed. After being there a few minutes, she suddenly said "that son of a b-- tried to rape me." He continued that he took her out for a drink, and in another outburst FIDLER said she was going to "sue that son of a b--."

"SALVE also mentioned that one FAY is a roommate of FIDLER who works at the Admiral Theatre and that she had made the statement that she was going to move out because FIDLER had pulled things like that before to several other guys.

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"The next day SALVE said he was in the Equitable Building in Hollywood and JIM CUMMINGS approached him and threatened to beat him up. SALVE was under the impression that this would be done unless he played ball with CUMMINGS. They went across the street to the Melody Lane, where SALVE was introduced to a Mr. ANDREWS as 'the man from Washington, D.C.' SALVE said that CUMMINGS made out that ANDREWS was attached to a Government investigation Bureau. CUMMINGS said that he wanted CARROLL'S address because he was going to get a guy to kill JOHN CARROLL.

"The hotel clerk at the Warwick apparently is in the deal because FIDLER left the hotel later that night with him. CARROLL said he had talked the matter over with his attorney, a Mr. BELCHER, who has offices in the Security -First National Bank Building, Los Angeles. He said BELCHER told him he could expect someone to hit him up for some dough within the near future. CARROLL said he had not been drinking that night, that the girl was not obviously drunk, that JAMES STACK, TOM BROWN, and DeMARCO had also been put in similar situations by FIDLER. CARROLL said he was not interested in prosecuting FIDLER and he did not tell the above facts to get the Federal Government involved but simply to give the true story to the Bureau in view of the fact that he had been contacted as a source of information.

"He also said SALVE knew a few things about VIRGINIA HILL, she having bought some jewelry from him, particularly an expensive watch which she had given to some boyfriend.

"In view of the unsavory situation involved and because there appears to be no violation of the impersonation statutes, no further inquiry is being made by this office. JOHN CARROLL at this time advised that he had learned that Countess SONIA'S Restaurant on Washington Boulevard had been closed several days before but that he was still endeavoring to get complete information about her.

"On October 14, 1942, GEORGE KENNEDY, Confidential Secretary to W. R. WILKERSON, publisher of the Hollywood Reporter, telephonically advised Agent that he had read that day in the gossip column of DOROTHY KILGALLEN appearing in one of the New York papers October 12th that 'VIRGINIA HILL'S true love has never been linked with her in the columns. He's a famous fellow.' Teletype was sent to the New York office that same date suggesting that the identity of this individual be ascertained through KILGALLEN if such is feasible."

On October 19, 1942, CARROLL was told that it was understood HILL was soon to be in this city, and CARROLL suggested that for him to get on the good side of HILL, it would be necessary for him to put on a party for her at the Mocambo Night Club in Hollywood. In addition, that he would have to buy

her some kind of a trinket. He pointed out further that if he called her first, she would think that he wanted something of her; that he could not go "chintzy" in entertaining her and then pointed out that his financial condition at the present time was exceedingly bad; that he was due to go into the Army next month, and that if he could have $500.00 furnished him, he felt he could once more occupy a position of confidence with HILL. CARROLL was requested to advise the writer immediately should HILL get in touch with him.

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GEORGE KENNEDY, Confidential Secretary to W. R. WILKERSON, publisher of the Hollywood Reporter, 6715 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, who had attended a cocktail party at ROMERO'S when HILL was living there, and who knows ALLEN GORDON, publicity man who handled VALDEZ for a while, on October 21st called ALLEN GORDON to inquire if HILL was in town. This he did under pretext that his paper was interested in running an item. GORDON replied that HILL was not expected until the end of the month. Attention is directed to the fact that they did not apprise GORDON of their arrival.

On October 21, 1942, JOHN CARROLL, at Agent's behest, called ALLEN GORDON, whom he also knows, under pretext that he was going to make a picture soon at Republic Studios (which he is presently making) and that there might be a place in the picture for a Cuban rhumba dancer or orchestra. CARROLL offered to assist GORDON in securing such a position for VALDEZ. GORDON thereupon called ROMERO'S to see if VALDEZ was soon to be on the West Coast, and found that he was at ROMERO'S at that very time. It was also developed through conversation with GORDON by CARROLL that VALDEZ is subject to the Cuban draft; further, that VALDEZ was forming an orchestra which CARROLL pointed out HILL was probably buying for him. CARROLL made arrangements with ALLEN GORDON to have VALDEZ and GORDON lunch with himat the Studio the next day. The date was definitely set, but VALDEZ and GORDON did not appear.

On October 22, 1942, CARROLL got in touch with GORDON and learned that VALDEZ was the one who did not show up, and that he had not heard from him since making the date. CARROLL referred to an item which appeared in WALTER WINCHELL'S Column, September 22, 1942, stating that VALDEZ is married to a Cuban and continued that he thought WALTER WINCHELL probably knew something about HILL because he frequently plugs her in his column, and it was possible that he was taking money from HILL for the publicity he gave. CARROLL recalled that HILL once told him that WALTER WINCHELL would do anything for her.

On October 24, 1942, CARROLL, in discussing instant matter with writer, advanced the thought that perhaps HILL might have told VALDEZ not to have anything to do with CARROLL, although he saw no reason why she should be suspicious of him. To make personal inquiry as to why VALDEZ had not appeared for the luncheon date, CARROLL personally called ROMERO'S home and some man answered who spoke without an accent. CARROLL said he inquired of this man as to the whereabouts of MIGUELITO VALDEZ and was told that he did not live there. The same answer was received when he asked for ROMERO. A woman then came to the phone, and when CARROLL asked for VALDEZ and ROMERO, she replied that they were not there and she didn't know when they were coming back. CARROLL was impressed by the roughness of the voice of the man who first answered the phone.

An item appeared in the column "Little Old New York" written by ED SULLIVAN, date not known, which read "VIRGINIA HILL and MIGUELITO VALDEZ split, but her valedictorian gift to him was a $7500.00 diamond watch and ring."

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Source B, on November 7, 1942, advised that HILL had been into ADRIAN'S, Beverly Hills smartest dress shop, buying some $300.00 worth of clothes. Through one ANN GETHAN, a model at ADRIAN'S, residing at 9537 West Olympic, Beverly Hills, California, CRestview 1-8043, who has also furnished information to the writer, made discreet inquiry at ADRIAN'S and ascertained that when she paid her bill, HILL was asked whether she wanted to pay in cash or by check. HILL thereupon pulled out a roll of bills, paid cash, and made the remark to the effect "everyone is trying to find out where I get my money. It's so silly. Why don't they ask me, and I'll tell them." This information Source B furnished the writer on November 13, 1942.

Information was received on November 11, 1942, from Special Agent in Charge, HAROLD NATHAN, San Diego, that HILL had gone to New York City the previous Sunday. On the same date GEORGE KENNEDY telephonically contacted ROMERO'S home under the guise that reporter was going to check a story that VALDEZ and HILL actually were married. From ROMERO, KENNEDY ascertained that HILL had gone to New York last week; will be back this Sunday or the middle of next week; that HILL, if necessary, could be reached at the Savoy Plaza Hotel in New York City. Source B also contacted ROMERO on November 11, 1942, under the pretext that he wanted HILL to contribute $100.00 to the Hollywood Canteen. ROMERO said that she was in New York, but immediately upon her return, he would call Source B and have him up to the house so that he could meet HILL and personally ask her.

A teletype was sent to New York Office on November 11, 1942, advising of HILL'S presence in that city; of her contact with ARTHUR McGOLDRICH, and requesting appropriate investigation while she is there.

The last contact had by this office with CARROLL was on November 6, 1942, when he stated he had been busy making his picture at Republic Studios; that he had not seen MIGUELITO VALDEZ or VIRGINIA HILL, nor had he heard from ALLEN GORDON.

Confidential National Defense Informant, L.A. 2, advised November 6, 1942, that a collect telephone call was received at CRestview 6-8045 from New York, Eldorado 5; further, that on October 30, 1942, HILL called New York and talked with JOE ADAMS at the Madison Hotel, Telephone number Volunteer 55000; that on October 29, 1942, she called Chicago, Illinois, Number Superior 8093.

Reference is made to the letter from Chicago Office, dated October 9, 1942, suggesting that the income tax returns for VIRGINIA HILL and JOSEPH EPSTEIN be checked. On October 16, 1942, this request was made of the Bureau and supplemental information furnished the Bureau November 6, 1942, the results of that inquiry as yet not being known.

A teletype was received from the Chicago Office on October 14, 1942, advising that HILL had checked in at the St. Clair Hotel in Chicago at 4:30 P.M., October 13, 1942, accompanied by KAY PENTON.

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THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York, New York, will, as requested in the teletype from Los Angeles Office, dated October 14, 1942, if same is deemed advisable, interview DOROTHY KILGALLEN with reference to her item appearing in one of the New York papers, October 12, 1942, to the effect that "VIRGINIA HILL'S true love has never been linked with her in the columns. He's a famous fellow."

Will ascertain the identity and connections with HILL of JOE ADAMS, Madison Hotel, Volunteer 55000; ARTHUR McGOLDRICK, 323 Beach 146 Street, Neponsit, Long Island; and telephone number Eldorado 5.

Will maintain contact with various contacts who can furnish information concerning the activities of HILL while in that city.

* Will recontact SIDNEY DICKETTS, Managing Director, Hotel Madison, 15 East 58th Street, and BERNARD L. PATTERSON, Assistant Manager, same hotel, for further information with respect to HILL and her source of income.

* Will also obtain telephone numbers called by HILL from her apartment at the Madison Hotel subsequent to September 20, 1942.

THE INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

* At Indianapolis, Indiana, will interview CHARLIE CONNOWAY, dancer in the current play "My Sister Eileen," concerning HILL. It is suggested that his present feelings toward HILL be ascertained before proceeding with the interview. This will verify our (Chicago) teletype of October 13, 1942.

* Will ascertain the identity of the telephone subscribers contacted by VIRGINIA HILL, as requested in Bureau letter dated September 19, 1942:

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12-17-41, Lincoln 6569.

THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

* At Cicero, Illinois, will ascertain the place of employment and address of Mrs. RALPH CAPONE in New York City and the name she is using at the present time from Mrs. EVA I. MURREN, 1600 S. Austin Blvd., telephone number Cicero 3854. A call should be made approximately October 20, 1942. After this information is obtained, a lead will be set out for the New York Field Division to interview Mrs. CAPONE concerning HILL.

* At Chicago, Illinois, will ascertain listing for telephone num[illegible] Bittersweet 8508 (an unpublished number) and Superior 8133.

*Will follow and report further activities of HILL w[illegible]

THE ST. LOUIS FIELD DIVISION

* At St. Louis, Missouri, will develop background information on BABE FLEISCHMAN, whose mother's name and address is Mrs. EVE FLEISCHMAN, 5893 Park Street.

* Will attempt to ascertain connection between FLEISCHMAN and HILL.

THE ATLANTA FIELD DIVISION

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* At Marietta, Georgia, will ascertain the identity of the person having telephone number 1088, which number was called frequently by HILL during March and April, 1941, and will ascertain that person's connection with HILL.

* Will interview Mr. TOM BLUMBY, son of a former mayor of Marietta, for additional information on HILL.

* At Emory University, Georgia, will interview Mr. CHESS ABERNATHY, Alumni Secretary of Emory University, and former editor of the newspaper at Marietta, Georgia, for additional background information on HILL. In both of the above interviews, it is suggested that the name of the reporting agent (ROBERT L. BLACKWELL) be mentioned, since both are former classmates of his.

THE MIAMI FIELD DIVISION

* At Miami Beach, Florida, will ascertain connection between HILL and a Mr. FAULKE, whose telephone number is 50571 and who was called by HILL on March 7, 1941.

THE SAN DIEGO FIELD DIVISION

At San Diego, California, will, as requested, report the results of investigation conducted by your office at Palm Springs, California, with reference to the activities of HILL while there.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California, will continue, through sources of information in this matter, to develop information with reference to HILL.

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Western Union,
608 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, California.
TRinity 4321.

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SOURCE B: [redacted]

Los Angeles Field Division.

On this occasion, CARROLL also mentioned one night when he was in company with HILL several years ago, she put $1000.00 in his pocket, said sum being in cash. CARROLL said he took it out and gave it back to her, whereupon she threw it out of the window. He gave this as another illustration of her disregard for money. Along about the same time, CARROLL said that HILL gave $1500.00 to BILLY HALLOP, who was one of the "Dead End Kids" who was at that time just getting started in pictures. It is understood that he is presently now in the Armed Services. This sum had been previously offered to CARROLL, he claimed, and was refused.

On October 26, 1942, in conversation with CARROLL, he advised that MIGUELITO VALDEZ on the previous Friday night had sung at the Hollywood Canteen. This is patterned after the Canteen in New York City operated exclusively for non-commissioned officers in the Services by Hollywood luminaries. He was accompanied by several of his race. CARROLL also mentioned that about a year ago HILL had visited the offices of BEN COHEN, attorney in Los Angeles.

CARROLL ascertained that HILL was, at that time, in Palm Springs, California, although VALDEZ had remained in Los Angeles. Special Agent in Charge, R. B. HOOD, telephonically contacted the San Diego Office on this date, October 26, 1942, to request appropriate investigation at Palm Springs with reference to HILL. This request was followed up with a letter to the San Diego Office dated November 6, 1942.

Special Agent in Charge, HAROLD NATHAN, San Diego Office, on November 9, 1942, telephonically advised Special Agent in Charge, R. B. HOOD, that as a result of the inquiry made at Palm Springs by that Office, it was ascertained that she had contacted the Madison Hotel in New York City and talked with one "JOHNNY"; also that she had been in touch with telephone number Superior 8093 in Chicago, Illinois, which the Report of Special Agent ROBERT L. BLACKWELL, Chicago, Illinois, October 19, 1942, reflects on Page 3 that Superior 8093 is listed to the Mohawk Salvage, 43 East Ohio Street, Chicago, the company for which JOE EPSTEIN worked. Inquiry by the San Diego Office also developed that one CHUCK HILL, a brother of VIRGINIA HILL'S, was with her at the Racquet Club in Palm Springs, same operated by CHARLES FARRELL, former movie actor. FARRELL told investigating Agent that HILL had not been playing up to the soldiers, who are numerous at Palm Springs at the present time, but that she had a lot of money and that she left about October 26, 1942. JUAN ROMERO was also with HILL at Palm Springs. The Colonial House, where HILL stayed while in that city, is owned by WORTHEIMER, reputed racketeer in this area. Complete results of the investigation conducted by the San Diego Office are not available at the time of dictation of this report, but any further information submitted will be relayed to the interested offices should same be of value.

Source B was contacted at the time HILL came to town, and in the course of his frequenting the various night spots ascertained that on November 7, 1942, HILL was at the Mocambo in company with MIGUELITO VALDEZ and JUAN ROMERO. An item appeared in the Hollywood Reporter, under date of November 4, 1942, reflecting that on about November 2, 1942, HILL was at the Mocambo with VALDEZ.

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TITLE:	CHARACTER:
VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS:

[Investigation discontinued pursuant to] Bureau cablegram dated [12/12/42.] (U)

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COMMENTS:

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DETAILS:

Pursuant to Bureau calbegram dated December 12, 1942, no further investigation is being conducted and this case is being closed. (U)

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK	12/15/42	9/24,30;10/1,3, 10/4,9,15;11/27 11/28,30/42	JAMES W. MONROE

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VIRGINIA HILL with aliases	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: NY columnists continue to mention subject's activities. Special contact V.C.31 advises that HILL is furnishing M. VALDEZ with funds in large amounts. VALDEZ' bank account Chemical Bank & Trust Co. NY reflects balance of $1.56 as of 11/27/42. SIDNEY DICKETTS, Manager Madison Hotel, states subject's account rather high; that she resided there one month. Subject resided at Savoy Plaza from 11/9 to 11/14/42. Telephone calls made from Madison Hotel and Savoy Plaza set out. Contents of telegrams sent from Waldorf Astoria set out. HILL resided Bolivar Hotel, NYC, for 6 months period in 1940.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File No. 62-68739
Report of Special Agent Howard L. Gillespie, dated September 26, 1942, at New York City.
Report of Special Agent H. Frank Angell, dated October 6, 1942, at Los Angeles.

DETAILS: AT NEW YORK CITY:

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VIRGINIA HILL continues to be mentioned in the columns of the New York writers, and it is noted that on September 30, 1942, WALTER WINCHELL's column in the New York Daily Mirror contained the following statement:

"VIRGINIA HILL's win of $3,600 at the track has all mid-town cafe owners rubbing their paws in anticipation. Biggest spender in town."

On October 2, 1942, DAN WALKER's column "Broadway", in the New York Daily News contained the following statement:

" * * *And the new review at the Havana Madrid features MIGUELITO VALDEZ which is sufficient excuse for paying it a visit."

On October 3, 1942, the New York Post and possibly other newspapers carried an advertisement for Leon & Eddie's Cafe, 33 West 52d Street, which contained the following statement;

"Bring your belles. Toot your horns. Sunday night celebration honoring the champion party giver, VIRGINIA HILL, Georgia's glamorous female Diamond Jim."

On October 1st, Special Contact V.C. 31, whose identity is known to the Bureau advised that VIRGINIA HILL was believed to have put up some of the money for the new review produced by VALDEZ at the Havana Madrid. Previously on September 24, 1942, said informant advised as follows:

"Mr. TED SAUCIER, Publicity Manager at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, said that XAVIER CUGAT told him VIRGINIA HILL and VALDEZ were married. She had given VALDEZ thousands of dollars in diamonds; one particular gift being a diamond studded cigarette case, which was very unusual and appeared to be quite expensive. Miss HILL is supposed to come from Georgia, and to be related to GEORGE W. HILL, the tobacco magnate; at least that was the story reported to be believed by CUGAT and SAUCIER."

On October 3, 1942, Special Contact V.C.42, whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that on the night of Thursday, October 1st, 1942, Miss HILL was observed at El Morocco with JIMMY BRYANT, Cafe Manager at the Madison Hotel. VALDEZ, and a Mr. HACKENBERG, a National Broadcasting Company executive were also present.

It will be noted in the report of Special Agent Gillespie that HERB ACKERBERG of the Columbia Broadcasting Company was mentioned as a contact of Miss HILL, and it is presumed that this individual is identical with the HACKENBERG above mentioned. In the same report on page 12 a statement was made that the subject was living at the Boulevard Hotel in 1940, and this should have been written as the Bolivar Hotel, 230 Central Park West.

PATRICK MURPHY, Manager of the Bolivar Hotel, was contacted on October 9, 1942, in an effort to develop information as to HILL's activities while residing there, and to determine, if possible, what telephone calls had been made from her room, and what outgoing telegrams might have beem charged to her account. MURPHY stated that he had been connected with the Bolivar Hotel for only two months and that the old records were in a state of disorder, but he would make an attempt to ascertain this information.

MURPHY advised that he himself is the subject of a Selective Service case for falsifying his wife's signature on a draft questionnaire, and he indicated that he expected either to go into the Army or to go to jail, and that if he were not available for contact, information developed by him could be secured from his successor.

A re-contact was made on November 27th at the Bolivar Hotel, which disclosed that MURPHY was presently in the Army and Acting Assistant Manager, ANTHONY E. EMOND, reviewed the available records and advised that subject had resided there from March 15, 1940 to August 15, 1940, except for a period of time when she was in Mexico. EMOND stated that MURPHY had not passed on any information concerning HILL and advised that he was not aware of the fact that the Bureau was interested in any of HILL's activities. He stated that he was an Assistant Clerk at the time she was there and further perusal of the records by him indicated that HILL had come from the Savoy Plaza Hotel in New York City and had registered as her address No. 2 Bala Drive, Beverly Hills, California. Her monthly rental for the rooms occupied by her was $150, and at the time she left it was believed that she was going to the Essex House in New York City. EMOND also ventured the opinion that he doubted that HILL would ever return to the Bolivar Hotel as a guest, because at the time of her departure it was stated she had had some jewelry stolen. HILL was quite incensed over the matter at the time and blamed the hotel for the theft, until she later found out it had been taken by one of her male friends, whose name EMOND could not recall. EMOND advised further that he could not produce the records pertaining to telephone calls made by HILL during her stay at the Bolivar inasmuch as their records were stored in the basement, but he advised that he would secure them at a later date. EMOND was unable to recall any other unusual incidents concerning HILL at the time of her stay, and advised that he would make discreet inquiries in an attempt to ascertain the identity of any of her associates.

On September 30, 1942, Mr. F. X. KANE, Assistant Comptroller of the Chemical Bank and Trust Company, 165 Broadway, examined cancelled checks paid in September on the account of MIGEULITO VALDEZ, and it appeared that the only check not listed in reference report was one dated September 21, 1942, payable to the Buckingham Hotel in the amount of $26.20. KANE was contacted again on November 27th and the only check viewed at that time was one in the amount of $38 dated November 5, 1942, made payable to the Havana Madrid. It was noted that VALDEZ' current balance was $1.56. Mr. KANE expressed the statement that VALDEZ' account was very inactive. KANE also stated that in his opinion VALDEZ was either not handling very much money, or he was banking elsewhere.

In December 1941, HILL was residing at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, at which time she sent several telegrams via Western Union. It has been ascertained through a confidential source that the following messages were transmitted on the dates indicated. It is to be noted that they fail to locate one telegram sent to Mexico City on December 18, 1941.

12/11/41 to MARIE ROSA SANDOVAL, 98A Mancanillo, Mexico City, D.F.

LET ME KNOW HOW EVERYTHING IS. GIVE MY LOVE TO PEDRO. SEND ME THE HOY MAGAZINE.

(Signed) VIRGINIA HILL

12/11/41 to ALFONSO GUTIERREZE, 284 Paseo de Alameda, Mexico City, D.F.

DEAR FOFO:

ARRIVED THIS MORNING. AM FINE, ITS VERY COLD HERE. SAY HELLO TO ALL MY FRIENDS FOR ME. LOVE.

(Signed) VIRGINIA HILL

12/11/41 to JOE EPSTEIN, St. Clare Hotel, Chicago, Illinois

CALL ME AT THE WALDORF. LOVE.

(Signed) VIRGINIA

12/16/41 to Senator FRANCO URIAS, Hotel New Yorker, New York City

THANKS FOR THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS. SORRY I COULD NOT GET BACK TO THE HURRICANE SUNDAY NIGHT. CALL ME WHEN YOU ARE NOT BUSY.

(Signed) VIRGINIA HILL

SIDNEY DICKETTS, Managing Director, at the Madison Hotel, 15 East 58th Street, advised on October 4, 1942, that VIRGINIA HILL was currently residing there and in addition to the original advance payment for her room, she had made only one remittance to the Hotel, and that this payment was made in cash. He said her account was running rather high; that she had given a party on September 27, 1942 and one in October; the latter one being prior to her attendance at the celebration held at Leon & Eddies, advertised as being in her honor. He advised that a girl named Miss HARVEY, who had made HILL's reservation at the Hotel had been in and out of the Madison quite often, being a rather familiar figure around the Hotel. DICKETTS advised he had once asked

JAMES BRYANT, Cafe Manager, something regarding HILL's background, and the answer was rather vague, amounting only to the observation that the woman had a lot of money. DICKETTS cautioned against contacting BRYANT concerning HILL, stating that BRYANT was a rather silly individual, and would not know any better than to go directly to Miss HILL and advise her that the F.B.I. was inquiring about her. DICKETTS stated that he would inquire of one of his trusted telephone operators if she had ever had occasion to learn of matters discussed by HILL during her long distance telephone calls. DICKETTS said HILL had cashed no further checks at the Hotel since those totalling $900, mentioned in reference report, and subsequently ascertained to have been purchased on September 18, 1942 by JOSEPH EPSTEIN, two of which were payable to VIRGINIA HILL, and one to I. S. SUSSMAN. This information is contained in the report of Special Agent Robert L. Blackwell, dated October 13, 1942, at Chicago.

The reference report of Special Agent Gillespie noted telephone calls made by HILL up to and including September 20, 1942. Subsequent to that date, the following additional telephone calls were made from HILL's room:

PLAZA 3-0752	Madison Avenue Florist, 59th Street & Madison Avenue
PLAZA 3-0753	" " "
ASHLAND 4-1070	Madison Floral Company, 343 Fifth Avenue
CIRCLE 5-6670	Hollywood Theater Ticket Agency, 223 West 46th Street
CIRCLE 7-7678	Fairchild Airplane Corporation, 30 Rockefeller Plaza
COLUMBUS 5-1995	Hurricane Restaurant, 1619 Broadway
CIRCLE 6-4267	
" 6-4367	
" 6-4767	

The above calls were made on September 21st, 23d, 24th and 28th, 1942. It is indicated that HILL may have been away for several days during this period. Long distance calls not previously reported, include the following:

September 18th to JOE EPSTEIN, Chicago, Ill. Number not stated; collect.

No date - Chicago, SUPERIOR 4660. Charge $2.15

September 23d - Chicago, SUPERIOR 8093. Charge $3.40

September 29th - Chicago, SUPERIOR 4660. Charge $5.95

It is to be noted from reference report of Special Agent Gillespie that on numerous occasions HILL called JOE EPSTEIN at SUPERIOR 4660.

It will be noted from reference report that HILL's tenancy at the Madison Hotel commenced September 7, 1942, at which time she paid for her room one month in advance.

DICKETTS subsequently advised that HILL left at the termination of her rental period and he has not seen or heard from her since. On November 27, 1942, DICKETTS advised that HILL was not a tenant of the Madison Hotel at that time and had not resided there since leaving in October. Regarding long distance telephone conversations that HILL made from her room and that might have been overheard by the Madison Hotel operator, DICKETTS advised that he had investigated this and ascertained that the operators were entirely too busy, and had no time to listen in on conversations going through the switchboard. In the report of Special Agent Crawford, dated September 1, 1942, made at Louisville, Ky., mention was made of a telephone call on April 5, 1942 to ACADEMY 2-8640. It was determined that this number had been discontinued, but prior to its discontinuance, was listed under the name of MIGUELITO VALDEZ, 485 Central Park West.

On November 3, 1942, perusal of the New York Journal American, reflects that in the column of Dorothy Kilgallen, "The Voice of Broadway", mention is made of the subject as follows:

"VIRGINIA HILL has followed M. VALDEZ to the Coast."

On November 11, 1942, a teletype was received from the Los Angeles office advising that HILL was presently in New York City, staying at the Savoy Plaza Hotel, and that she wired "Safe arrival and love" to ARTHUR McGOLDRICH, 323 Beach 146th Street, Neponsit, L.I. on October 20, 1942. HILL also reported that she was expecting to return to Los Angeles on November 15th or the middle of the following week.

Mr. A. M. HOWARD, Comptroller and Secretary-Treasurer of the Savoy-Plaza Hotel, 59th Street and Fifth Avenue, advised that VIRGINIA HILL had been registered there from November 9th to November 14th, 1942. He stated that her room rate was $15 per day and that she occupied Rooms 2218-2219, and listed her address on the registry card as 2 Bala Drive, Beverly Hills, California. It was also noted that she failed to list any forwarding address.

Since the teletype advised that HILL expected to return to Los Angeles on November 15th, Los Angeles was advised of her departure from the Savoy Plaza.

Telephone calls made by Miss HILL from the Savoy Plaza during her stay from November 9th to November 14th, were as follows:

CIRCLE 7-0300	Essex House, New York City
PLAZA 3-7300	Bergdorf Goodman, 754 Fifth Avenue (58th Street)
CIRCLE 5-6670	Hollywood Theater Ticket Agency
TRAFALGAR 4-3403	
CIRCLE 7-5780	

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CIRCLE 7-8000
CIRCLE 7-5700
BELLE HARBOR 0776

Park Central Hotel, 55th Street and Seventh Avenue

Long distance calls made by HILL during the same period were:

November 10th	Chicago, SUPERIOR 4660 - Collect to JOE EPSTEIN
November 10th	Los Angeles, CRESTVIEW 6-8045
November 12th	Los Angeles, CRESTVIEW 6-8045; 12 minutes $19.69
November 13th	Los Angeles, CRESTVIEW 6-8045; $12.27

It is to be noted that in a previous report the telephone number CRESTVIEW 6-8045 is listed for JUAN ROMERO.

On November 14, 1942, when HILL left the Savoy Plaza, her bill according to Mr. HOWARD was paid in cash in the amount of $150.71.

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Saint Louis, Missouri	1-8-43	12-1-3-4-5-8-9-10-42	JAMES M. ROSS DBM

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases: Virginia D'Algy, Virginia Dalgy, Virginia Hillburn, Virginia Watson, Virginia Epstein, Virginiz Gonazles, "Cot"	INFORMATION CONCERNIN

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: DAVID FLEISHMAN left Saint Louis approximately eight years ago apparently has no associates here except family who are in poor financial status. FLEISHMAN arrested six times from 1927 to 1934 for engaging in bookmaking activities. No dispositions given.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent H. FRANK ANGELL, Los Angeles, dated November 17, 1942
Bureau teletype dated December 11, 1942

DETAILS: AT SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI

[redacted] had no information on DAVID FLEISHMAN, but stated he had learned on June 5, 1940 that his sister, EVE FLEISHMAN resides at 5893 Page Boulevard, is 33 years of age, single, lives with parents, father's name SAM, employed since 1927 as clerk in the office of Stix-Baer & Fuller Department Store, considered capable, dependable, and of good character. b7D

At the Record Room of the Saint Louis Police Department it was ascertained that the following was the arrest record of DAVID FLEISHMAN:

2-16-27, no chauffeur's license
4-20-28, susp. larc., disp. bail
2-8-32, gambling, disp. bail
7-7-33, gambling, vagrancy, disposition, holdover
12-8-33, gambling, unlawful calling, disposition, holdover

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2-8-34, gambling, disposition "hold"

A review of the officers' reports on the above arrests indicated that FLEISHMAN was arrested along with others at various bookmaking establishments in which there were confiscated quantities of racing forms, betting tabs, etc. Addresses given at the time of arrests indicated that FLEISHMAN had lived at 5452 Wells, 5943 Ridge, and 1311 Hamilton Avenue, all in Saint Louis. No dates of birth or other identifying data appeared on the arrests records, but each one indicated that according to the age given he would now be thirty-seven or thirty-eight years old.

An attempt was made to determine whether FLEISHMAN served any time or paid any fines as a result of these arrests, Mr. RUDOLPH LANGE, City Deputy Clerk's Office, advising, however, that many of their records had been destroyed pursuant to the recent scrap drive. He advised that he personally knew that during the years indicated, horse race betting was a common thing in Saint Louis, because the violators were invariably released by the Courts after being arrested by the Police.

In 1933 the city directory listed DAVID, EVE, SAMUEL and BESSIE FLEISHMAN as living at 1311 Hamilton Avenue. The 1935 city directory listed the same individuals as then residing at 5893 Page Boulevard, indicating that the arrests shown above are undoubtedly arrests of the party in question.

Mrs. MARY D. NOLLEN, Local Board #28, covering 5893 Page, stated that she has no registration record on DAVID FLEISHMAN.

CLARENCE JOHNSON, negro janitor, 5893 Page, stated that he had been employed there for three years; that he knew nothing derogatory about the FLEISHMANs; that the owner is SAM LANDAU of the Seidel Coal Company.

Mr. SAM LANDAU, Seidel Coal Company, 3915 Duncan, stated that the FLEISHMANs had been his tenants for approximately eight or nine years; that the family has always been in poor financial status, living in an apartment costing $30.00 per month; the father has asthma and finds it difficult to maintain a steady job. He is employed, however, at the present time. The daughter has recently married a soldier, and has moved to the Army camp where her husband is stationed. He stated that DAVID FLEISHMAN is considered as a dutiful son; that while he was in Chicago he always paid the rent for his parents, and otherwise contributed to their support. Mr. LANDAU was aware of the fact that DAVID FLEISHMAN worked for a bookie while in Saint Louis, but knew nothing of his activities in Chicago, nor any of his acquaintances there.

Mr. MICHAEL GALLEY of the Board of Election Commissioners searched the records and advised that DAVID FLEISHMAN was not registered as a voter but informed the writer that he personally knew DAVID FLEISHMAN in boyhood

days having associated with him at the Y. M. C. A. and other places. He said that FLEISHMAN was known to be engaged in bookmaking activities as an employee, however, that he had never exhibited any substantial amount of money. It is his opinion that if FLEISHMAN appears to be well fixed financially, he must have acquired this money while in Chicago. He knows of no present associates of FLEISHMAN.

MR. JOSEPH STEPMAN, Rice Stix Dry Goods Company, Mr. SAMUEL I. SIEVERS, 1515 Paul Brown Building, Mr. WILLIAM RIBACK, Jewish Council House, 5625 Wells, and Mr. WILLIAM GERSON, 1220 Chemical Building, all acquaintances of this office, were contacted with negative results.

On December 11, 1942 this office received a teletype from the Bureau informing that the investigation should be discontinued. Therefore this case is being -

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	3/2/43	10/19;12/7/42	JACK R. DURLAND JRD/pw

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: MALCOM JAMES, manager of the St. Clair Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, advised that VIRGINIA HILL accompanied by KAY PENTON, New York girl friend, left Chicago and would arrive in Los Angeles 9:45 A. M. 10/20/42 via the Union Pacific train, The City of Los Angeles. RALPH CAPONE advised that the subject when in Chicago frequented the night club, was known as a big spender, and that she also received a large sum of alimony each month; that he would contact his wife, now in Florida, for further information.

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REFERENCE: Bureau teletype dated 12/11/42 to Chicago Office.

DETAILS: At Chicago, Illinois

Mr. MALCOM JAMES, manager of the St. Clair Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, informed the agent on October 19, 1942, that VIRGINIA HILL, accompanied by a New York girl friend, KAY PENTON, had left Chicago via the Union Pacific train, The City of Los Angeles, and would arrive in Los Angeles on October 20, 1942; that the pair occupied Drawing Room B, Car N-44. Mr. JAMES further informed the agent that he had nothing further to report, inasmuch as he had given all other information to Special Agent R. L. BLACKWELL.

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On December 7, 1942, RALPH CAPONE, brother of AL CAPONE, informed Special Agent R. J. ZMESKAL that he was not too well

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acquainted with VIRGINIA HILL, but that he did know that when the subject was in Chicago she frequented all of the night clubs and had the reputation of being a big spender; that she had previously been married and now received a large sum of alimony each month; that he would be glad to contact his wife, now in Florida, for further information concerning the subject.

Inasmuch as the Bureau teletype dated December 11, 1942, has advised this office that the case is to be closed, the Chicago Field Office investigation has been discontinued.

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LOS ANGELES	1/29/43	11/13,17-20,23, 25,28; 12/3-11/42	H. FRANK ANGELL GIF

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases: Virginia D'Algy, Virginia Dalgy, Virginia Hillburn, Virginia Watson, Virginia Epstein, Virginia Gonzales, "Cot"	INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: HILL in Palm Springs, California from approximately October 13 to 26, 1942 where she stopped at the "Colonial House" owned and operated by THELMA WERTHEIMER and her husband AL WERTHEIMER; from there to New York City, thence back to Los Angeles where she now is. JOE ADONIS, reportedly a New York hoodlum, identified as her more recent paramour. HILL confronted JOHN CARROLL, Hollywood actor with query "Have you been talking about me?" and continued that JOE EPSTEIN had been questioned by the FBI. MIGUELITO VALDES, HILL'S Cuban lover, in and out then back in her favor recently. VALDES now appearing at Mocambo night club, Hollywood, where HILL is spending considerable sums.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File #62-68739
Bureau teletype December 11, 1942
Bureau letter December 5, 1942
Report of Special Agent H. FRANK ANGELL, Los Angeles, November 17, 1942.

DETAILS:

By letter November 13, 1942 the San Diego Office furnished the results of an investigation conducted by Special Agent JAMES E. MILNES of that office at Palm Springs, California. This was supplemented by additional information from the San Diego Office received November 14, 1942. Investigation at Palm Springs reflected that HILL stayed at the "Colonial House" owned and operated by THELMA WERTHEIMER and her husband, AL WERTHEIMER, the latter reputedly a racketeer in these parts. He formerly operated "The Dunes" a lavish gambling establishment on the desert near Palm Springs. He formerly was from Detroit,

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Michigan. In view of the character of the owners and operators of the "Colonial House", Agent MILNES did not contact them. However, by use of pretext, it was telephonically ascertained from Miss J. CRAWFORD that HILL stayed there for approximately two weeks prior to October 26, 1942.

While staying at "The Colonial House" subject called "The Falcon's Lair" several times; also one JOHNNY at the Madison Hotel in New York, as well as a call to JOE EPSTEIN in Chicago. She visited the Racquet Club run by CHARLES FARRELL, former actor, in company with her brother, CHUCK HILL and JUAN ROMERO. Agent MILNES interviewed CHARLES FARRELL with reference to subject, who stated that she also was there on one occasion with ROMERO and VALDES; that she spent huge sums of money on liquor; never visited with soldiers or even purchased them any drinks. FARRELL continued that she had given numerous parties at the Mocambo Night Club in Hollywood owned by CHARLES MORRISON, 906 Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills. MORRISON was visiting in Palm Springs at the time of Agent MILNES' investigation, so he was interviewed.

In addition to the previous information set forth with reference to her parties at the MOCAMBO, MORRISON told Agent MILNES that she had given approximately ten expensive parties. He told of her associations with VALDES; that they are all living together at ROMERO'S home; that on Saturday, November 14, 1942 HILL was leaving for New York City where she was going to visit some man. MORRISON suggested that it was his understanding that she received most of her money as a result of two previous marriages. MORRISON also stated that HARRY CROCKER, a columnist for the Los Angeles "Examiner" was writing a story on HILL. MORRISON suggested that CROCKER be interviewed inasmuch as he is very honest, reliable and trustworthy and would not divulge the Bureau's interest. He did not think that ROMERO could be interviewed with reference to HILL because of his friendship with her.

J. PAUL RUSSELL, manager of the Bank of America, Palm Springs, informed MORRISON that subject had never had any account in that office.

Lieutenant PAUL W. HERBERT, commanding officer of the Allied Ferry Command, Field at Palm Springs informed Agent MILNES that the members of the Ferry Command had formerly used the Colonial House as a clubhouse and for a place where the officers' wives could stay, but that they had moved out around September 25, 1942. HERBERT stated they had no reports of subject's attempting to elicit military information from any Army men.

On November 11, 1942 a teletype was sent to New York City advising that HILL was reportedly in that city stopping at the Savoy Plaza. By teletype of November 28, 1942 the New York Office advised that there was no record of HILL at that time at the Savoy-Plaza inasmuch as she left November 14, 1942. There was no record whatever of HILL at the Madison Hotel where she had sometimes previously stopped.

On November 17, 1942 the writer was in conversation with IRVING HOFFMAN, a columnist out of New York City for the "Hollywood Reporter" and known to the Bureau. HOFFMAN was vacationing in Beverly Hills at the time.

The name of VIRGINIA HILL came up in the general conversation and HOFFMAN stated that recently the story being told around New York was that she was the moll of JOE ADONIS, well known gangster in New York City. He pointed out, however, that it was understood their association was strictly romance; that she had met him at the Madison Hotel bar, they being introduced by JAMES McKINLEY BRYANT.

On the evening of November 17, 1942 JOHN CARROLL, movie actor previously reported as one of subject's past romances, telephonically contacted the writer, stating that subject had called him at 8:30 that evening, saying she wanted to see him at noon the following day. Over the phone HILL told CARROLL that JOE EPSTEIN had been questioned by the FBI in Chicago and HILL inquired if he, CARROLL, had been questioned about her. The exact words used by HILL, CARROLL reported were "You wouldn't say anything about me, would you CARROLL? You have a fabulous imagination." CARROLL said of course he told her nothing, but he felt that she suspects him. On the following day CARROLL stated that he had conferred with her and again on November 19, 1942 CARROLL reported that he had taken her out that night. As the result of this association CARROLL reported that HILL had told him positively that it was the FBI that questioned EPSTEIN in Chicago. At this time she told CARROLL that if the FBI wanted to see her, all they had to do was call her in and she would be glad to tell anything she knew. She continued that she was doing nothing dishonest and had nothing to worry about. CARROLL had said that HILL returned from New York the previous Monday, which would be November 16, 1942. HILL told CARROLL that she had gone to New York City although she gave no reason therefor. She talked about a friend of hers, one JOE, in New York City who, she said was "good looking, a nice guy, but a mug". She indicated that she was going to stay away from him because of his reputation.

On the night of November 18, 1942 CARROLL took HILL to Grace Hayes' Lodge, a night club located on Ventura Boulevard in North Hollywood, and then they went to the airport to see a friend of CARROLL, one BOO ROOS, off for Mexico City. ROOS owns and operates the Beverly Management Company, a business management concern which handles various stars. CARROLL said that from this most recent association he had observed that subject was a changed girl. She did not drink or even smoke during the course of the evening. All the paint was off her face and nails. She behaved like a lady. CARROLL said with them was one AL SCOTT, the husband of MARIAN MORSE, who had not previously known HILL. HILL stated that she wanted to stay here in California and indicated that she was going to do so. She mentioned the name of FRANK COSTELLO as a friend of JOE in New York City. She did not indicate whether he was a friend of JOE EPSTEIN or JOE ADONIS. KAY PENTON reportedly with HILL in Chicago, CARROLL said had been dropped by HILL before she came on to the coast sometime ago with VALDES.

On the night of November 19, 1942 VALDES opened an engagement at the Mocambo Night Club which was attended by the writer, and it was observed that HILL was not present. At the opening ROMERO, CHUCK or CHICK HILL, the brother of subject, occupied a table of prominence with several others who appeared to be of South American or Cuban extraction. CHARLES MORRISON, who was subsequently interviewed by agent, advised that the Cuban Consul was present

JOE ADONIS and FRANK COSTELLO are soon coming out to Phoenix, Arizona to spend the winter, VALDES told CARROLL and HILL plans to spend some time with them.

It might be mentioned herethat as soon as CARROLL finishes his present picture he is going into the Army by way of the draft.

On December 4, 1942 the writer interviewed CHARLES MORRISON at the Mocambo Night Club, Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, who advised that he had no further information than furnished the agent at Palm Springs. He stated that HILL was giving a party that night at the Mocambo for twenty six persons. The writer was present at the Mocambo that night and it was observed that the party was made up of South Americans; also that VALDES and HILL danced together, and it was subsequently reported by MORRISON that they were back together again.

On December 5, 1942 MORRISON advised that the party the previous night had cost $245; that subject was present on the evening of December 5, and that night paid MORRISON $300 in cash covering the two nights' parties. Agent observed HILL on the night of December 5 and she came in in company with two other girls, one MORRISON described as a local prostitute. On the same night agent ran into JOHN CARROLL who said he had still heard nothing from VALDES or HILL since last reported. CARROLL confided that subject's brother had been up to his house the other day at which time CARROLL gave him a tire which he had not turned in for VIRGINIA HILL'S car. HILL'S brother told CARROLL that he was going into the Army.

On December 8, 1942 CHARLES MORRISON told the writer that HILL told him when she had gone to New York City most recently she went to see one ADONIS whom she said she had met only a short time before. MORRISON said when some of HILL'S friends found she was going about with ADONIS they counselled her to be careful because of his reputation and along about the same time ADONIS came to her and said his friends had given him the same advice. HILL called ADONIS a racketeer, indicating she was not going to have anything more to do with him.

HARRY CROCKER, Special Service Contact, previously mentioned, advised on November 23, 1942 that he had seen HILL the previous Friday night at the Mocambo with reference to contributing $100 to the Hollywood Canteen. In conversation with HILL, CROCKER said he asked her if she had heard the various stories going about town as to the sources of her income. To this she replied that she had not, whereupon CROCKER said that the stories varied anywhere from oil leases and former husbands to racketeer boy friends. CROCKER observed that VALDES and ROMERO who were listening to the conversation nearly fell out of their chairs when CROCKER stated the stories going around town about HILL. HILL immediately interjected that she would be glad to give the $100 for the guest table on any night, but requested that he give it no publicity, stating that she was trying to keep out of the public eye. CROCKER, through his friend, ANNE GETHAN, who is employed as a model at Adrian's, learned that HILL was still buying clothes there.

Confidential National Defense Informant LA #2 advised this office on November 20, 1942 that on November 6, 1942 a Western Union telegram was sent to Neponsit, Long Island, signed "VIRGINIA"; that on November 10, 1942 VALDES called VIRGINIA HILL in New York at Vol. 52600; that on November 14, 1942 he called her at Sup. 4660 in Chicago. On November 28, 1942 this same source advised that the only subsequent messages from the Falcon Lair were Cen. 23227 listed to RUELIA WILLIAMS, 1609 East 42nd Street, and a number which was AD. 7121 the head office of the City Dye Works, 3000 South Central Avenue. On November 13, 1942 this informant furnished the following information with reference to calls made from the Falcon Lair:

10/27/42	AD 8734	11/4	AD 8734
10/28/29/42	CE 27208	11/6	MA 1212
11/1	AD 8734	11/6	CE 27208
11/2	CE 27207	11/7	MU 3927
10/30,31	AD 8734	11/8	AD 8734
11/3	AD 11733	11/9	CE 27208
11/4	CE 27208	11/10	CE 27208

In view of the Bureau teletype December 11, 1942 instructing that this investigation be discontinued and the case closed, telegrams were sent to the Miami, New York, Chicago, and St. Louis Field Divisions instructing that investigation be discontinued.

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United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California
January 29, 1943

Director, FBI

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RE: VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau teletype of December 11, 1942 instructing that investigation be discontinued in the above entitled matter and the case closed. The closing report has been dictated in this case; however, I thought you would be interested in this information which is not set forth in the report.

On December 10, 1942 [redacted] of the "Hollywood Reporter" 6715 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, was interviewed by Special Agent H. FRANK ANGELL. You will recall that [redacted] was the source of the original information which started instant investigation. The confidential nature of the Bureau's inquiry concerning HILL was impressed upon [redacted] and he was asked what, if any information he had concerning her. Other than stating that she spent a lot of money on parties, he knew very little.

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As to the source of this money [redacted] advised that over a year ago a local publicity agent named ARTHUR SOLOMON came to him and said that VIRGINIA HILL wanted to put on a party. They discussed arrangements and [redacted] said it would cost about $750. SOLOMON said that his client, VIRGINIA HILL, would pay for the party after it was over and [redacted] said he wanted his money right then, not knowing HILL, and not trusting SOLOMON. $750 in cash was paid by SOLOMON shortly thereafter, before the party. The actual cost of the party ran to $1000. SOLOMON came in with that money in cash a day or so after. [redacted] said he asked SOLOMON where HILL got her money, whereupon SOLOMON replied that she was "being kept by a big man in Washington". [redacted] said he asked who that man was, whereupon SOLOMON replied that it was FRANCIS BIDDLE, the Attorney General. [redacted] asked him how he knew this and SOLOMON replied that he had seen several checks made out to HILL by BIDDLE.

[redacted] was asked if he thought SOLOMON could be interviewed by the Bureau without his violating the Bureau's confidence in him. Agent ANGELL was advised by [redacted] that he did not think SOLOMON could be trusted.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD
SAC

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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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62-68739

February 25, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR [redacted]

RE: VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases: Virginia D'Algy, Virginia Dalgy, Virginia Hillburn, Virginia Watson, Virginia Epstein, Virginia Gonzales, "Cot"

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

You will recall that columnist Mark Hellinger submitted information to the Los Angeles Field Division that Virginia Hill, prominent in cafe society circles in Los Angeles, had passed a large check at Ciro's night club in Los Angeles, which check, according to [redacted] of Ciro's, was from the Attorney General, and that Hill apparently had unlimited funds and entertained in a lavish fashion.

You will recall that extensive discreet investigation was conducted, the results of which were furnished to you by memorandum dated December 8, 1942, a copy of which memorandum is attached hereto for your information, and that the investigation was discontinued inasmuch as it failed to disclose any evidence of a violation over which this Bureau has investigative jurisdiction.

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For your further information, the Los Angeles Office interviewed the above-mentioned [redacted] He is [redacted] of "The Hollywood Reporter," Hollywood, California. He stated that over a year ago a local publicity agent named Arthur Solomon came to him and advised that Virginia Hill desired to give a party. Arrangements for the party were discussed and [redacted] informed it would cost approximately $750. Solomon said that his client Virginia Hill would pay for the party after it was over, but [redacted] indicated he wanted his money immediately, not knowing Hill, and not trusting Solomon. Therefore, $750. in cash was paid by Solomon shortly thereafter and prior to the party. The party actually cost $1,000. Solomon, a day or so thereafter, paid the balance due. [redacted] advised that he asked Solomon the source of Hill's income, whereupon Solomon replied that she was "being kept by a big man in Washington." [redacted] asked who this man was, whereupon Solomon replied that it was the Attorney General, Mr. Francis Biddle. [redacted] asked him how he knew this and Solomon replied that he had seen several checks made out to Hill by Mr. Biddle.

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Memorandum for the Director

Referral/Consult

It is known that from March 2, 1940 to September 5, 1942 Virginia Hill received numerous money orders from Joe Epstein of Chicago, Illinois, a bookie, most of which were in comparatively small amounts but one of which was for $1,700. and another for $2,200. The Bureau does not know the extent of Virginia Hill's income for 1940 and 1941. However, it is known she received the above amounts from Joe Epstein, part of which were received during 1940 and 1941; further, it is known that Hill entertains very lavishly at expensive parties and contributes heavily to night club tills; that she has during 1942 received Cashier's checks from Epstein aggregating over $10,000; that John Carroll, a movie actor and a consort of Hill for several years, advised that Hill would have to have a fund of $2,000 a day to finance her elaborate expenditures; that Carroll also advised Hill once stated to him that she could get a million dollars at any time she wanted, intimating that the source of such money would be Joe Epstein; that Hill is alleged to have said that a former husband who died in 1933 left her $50,000; and that a friend of hers is alleged to have said that Hill obtains her money from the estates of her three former husbands, one of whom she claims was a Coca Cola heir.

RECOMMENDATION

In view of the above set out facts, it is recommended that the Los Angeles Division be instructed to furnish orally to the local office of the Bureau of Internal Revenue the pertinent information concerning the receipt by Hill of income during 1940, 1941 and 1942.

Respectfully,

A. Rosen

A. Rosen

Attachment

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles, California
April 21, 1943

Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

Re: VIRGINIA O HILL, with aliases
INFORMATION CONCERNING
Bureau File #62-68739

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated March 26, 1943, in the above captioned matter.

This is to advise that on April 16, 1943, Special Agent JAMES B. BUSHYHEAD of this office orally furnished the information developed during the course of instant investigation concerning receipt by Subject HILL of income during 1940, 1941 and 1942, to REX T. BLOM, Special Agent, Intelligence Unit, Internal Revenue Department, Federal Building, Los Angeles, California.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood

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OFFICE OF CENSORSHIP
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TELEPHONE CENSORSHIP

SERIAL NO. SATP-13751

STATION: San Antonio DATE: 4-7-43 TIME OBSERVATION STARTED: 0415 TOTAL TIME: 14

FROM:

TOPIC: SOCIAL
Joseph EPSTEIN
Sinclair Hotel
Chicago, Illinois
Tel. S 4660
Occu: Accountant

LIST: None

TO:

Virginia HILL
Maria Christina Hotel
Mexico City, Mexico
Tel. L 1535

LIST: None

Mr. Carson
Mr. Cunning
Mr. Fitch
Laboratory
Mr. Little

RECORDING IDENTIFICATION	LANGUAGE	PREVIOUS RECORD	LOCAL DISTRIBUTION
3411-A 38-52	English	EPSTEIN: SATP-12654 HILL: SATP-13625	Mr. Mumford Mr. Penning

LIST: None

TEXT OF CONVERSATION AND COMMENT

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Miss Hill asked how Mr. Epstein was. Miss Hill said she was ill and had been in the hospital for 2 days. Miss Hill said Chick had left today for Georgia. Miss Hill said she should have gone home today, but the doctor wouldn't let her. Miss Hill said Maria Sosa wanted to take her to Fortin. Mr. Epstein said they got her sock in Mexico just to keep her there. Miss Hill said she was with Conchita. Mr. Epstein said Miss Hill should come home. Miss Hill said the doctor wouldn't let her leave. Mr. Epstein asked if Miss Hill had to take medicine.

Miss Hill said she didn't know she had even talked to Mr. Epstein the other night. Miss Hill said Mr. Epstein had to send her a ticket to come home on because she didn't know how. Miss Hill asked Mr. Epstein to wire her. Mr. Epstein said he had wired her before. Mr. Epstein said he hadn't received the other money yet. Epstein said Miss Hill should get her own ticket. Mr. Epstein said Miss Hill should get it from someone else. Miss Hill said she would later.

Miss Hill said she was sleepy and her teeth needed fixing. Miss Hill said she would fix everything when she got home. Epstein asked if she had heard from Juan. Miss Hill said she hadn't. He said he had told Juan to go there and fix it but He never heard from Juan. He told Juan to get her a 30 day extention. Miss Hill said they knew where she was. Miss Hill said, "If I don't get it I'm just out of the country that's all." Mr. Epstein said she had to let them know where she was. She said they knew where she was. Mr. Epstein said he knew they knew, but he was talking about the income tax people. She said they knew too.

Epstein asked where Chick was going. Miss Hill said that Raul had said he would arrange for her to leave Saturday. Epstein said this was a bad day to travel. Epstein asked when Miss Hill had received the last wire. Miss Hill said she didn't remember because she had been too ill. Mr. Epstein said he wouldn't wire Miss Hill again.

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Date: March 26, 1943

To: SAC, Los Angeles

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases
INFORMATION CONCERNING AEG-ROSEN

The Bureau desires that information developed during the course of instant investigation concerning receipt by subject Hill of income during 1940, 1941 and 1942 be furnished orally by your office to the local office of the Bureau of Internal Revenue for whatever action it might deem appropriate to take in connection therewith.

You are instructed to comply with this direction immediately, advising the Bureau when you have done so.

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Director, FBI

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the San Antonio Field Division dated March 26, 1943 sent under confidential cover under the above set out caption, with which letter there were transmitted two submission slips furnished to the San Antonio Office by Telephone Censorship at San Antonio, Texas, referring to a telephonic conversation of Miss VIRGINIA HILL, Mexico City, Mexico.

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The office of Radio and Cable Censorship at San Antonio, Texas has furnished background information in their files on Miss VIRGINIA HILL, of Hollywood, California and Mexico City, Mexico, one copy of which is being transmitted herewith to the Bureau for its information and such action as is deemed advisable.

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Very truly yours,

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HILL, VIRGINIA

Hollywood, Calif. and Mexico City, Mexico.

Subject is single, 25 years of age, and claims to be a U. S. citizen. In December of 1941 she resided at 4960 Ben Ave., North Hollywood, Calif. Since that time she has given as her address in the U. S., #2 Bella Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif. and #2 Florida Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif. She has also used the address of 1220 Sunset, Beverly Hills, Calif. In Mexico City she stays at the Reforma Hotel and the Maria Cristina Hotel. She has on some occasions given her address as St. Clair Hotel, Chicago, Ill. Subject is believed to have been born in Birmingham, Alabama. Her father is MACK W. HILL, a farmer, at Calla, Alabama. Subject is a "free-lance actress" and friend of CESAR ROMERO, the motion picture actor, whose address was also listed in November, 1939 as #2 Bella Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif. Apparently, however, ROMERO has not lived there for several years. Subject spent considerable time with ROMERO in 1939 and at that time she was apparently dependent upon him. In 1941 subject's secretary claimed subject had an income from an estate but declined further information. Subject went to Mexico City by Pan American Airways plane, January 26, 1943, and at this time is still in Mexico City at the Maria Cristina Hotel. Subject has done little if any work for some years. She dresses well, is rather uneducated, extremely vulgar at times, and apparently is a confirmed drunkard. Juvenile Records indicate that subject was a "problem child" at an early age and did not finish grammer school. Her father is quite poor. She has been married several times and apparently obtains income from such marriages or from having affairs with wealthy men. She is a notorious Hollywood figure, and numerous newspaper articles have been written concerning her. In December, 1941 a newspaper stated that she had spent over $70,000 in night clubs within a year. In November, 1941 she threw a $7,500 Champagne party at the Mocambo Night Club. She is described as a feminine "DIAMOND JIM BRADY" and "REX ST. CYR". There are various unconfirmed rumors as to the source of her income including one that she is a dope runner, another that she runs refugees in from Mexico, and a third that she is connected with Chicago gangsters. This third rumor possibly originates from her association with JOE EPSTEIN of Chicago, Illinois (hereinafter mentioned) who is believed to be engaged in the "horse race game" in Chicago.

Subject's chief present source of income seems to be "donations" from JOE EPSTEIN, 162 East Ohio St. (also St. Clair Hotel), of Chicago, who is apparently in love with subject. EPSTEIN has been sending subject large sums of money for the past six months which apparently average around four to five thousand dollars a month. Subject is constantly complaining of being sick and having various illnesses in her pleas to EPSTEIN for money. It seems that she is also worried about her filing or failure to have filed Income Tax Returns for 1942 and is somewhat worried about her being permitted reentry into the U. S.

Must be Juan Romero not Cesar

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Subject seems to be very interested in one, MIGUELITO VALDEZ, a Cuban, who is apparently one of her paramours. Subject and VALDEZ lived at JUAN ROMERO's for sometime. JUAN ROMERO is a well known Hollywood figure who claims to be of Spanish-Italian extraction and to have come from Cuba. JUAN ROMERO was formerly extremely pro-NAZI in speech and attitude, but has apparently made a complete change since the entry of the U. S. into war. ROMERO is now endeavoring to enter the U. S. Foreign Service in Mexico. ROMERO is interested in Mrs. LUCIA or MARIA LUISA FIGUEROA, member of one of the most prominent and wealthy Mexican families, because he believes she can furnish him good connections in Mexico. VALDEZ is an orchestra singer who was singing at La Conga Night Club in New York City in March, 1943. VALDEZ's address is variously given as 823 Fontaine, Hollywood, Calif., and as Buckingham Hotel, New York City. Conversations between VALDEZ and subject indicate that VALDEZ possibly has a wife or sweetheart in Cuba. On one occasion subject was stated to have advised ALFRED C. BLUMENTHAL (G 5862), Reforma 27, Mexico City, that she would pay half of VALDEZ's salary if BLUMENTHAL would hire VALDEZ to sing in BLUMENTHAL's night club "Ciros" in Mexico City; subject has on one occasion had a dinner check for $3,800 pesos for one dinner at this club.

While in Mexico, subject has had a young boy living with her who is 15 years of age and who is referred to as CHICK and who, in spite of his age, seems to constantly frequent the race tracks and night clubs of Mexico City. It has not been determined what relation "CHICK" is to subject, but on March 31, 1943, EPSTEIN sent $1,500 to "CHARLES or VIRGINIA HILL" at Chula Vista Hotel, Cuernavaca, Mexico, and it is possible that "CHICK" is the same as CHARLES HILL. Apparently subject sent CHICK "back to Georgia" by train on or about April 7, 1943 because she could not make him continue his schooling.

(4-23-43; Sources, CSA and CIA)

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Date: May 10, 1944

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To: Mr. Birch D. O'Neal
The American Embassy
Mexico, D. F.

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: Virginia Hill - Mexico-Latin American Matters

For your information, there is enclosed a copy of a letter dated March 30, 1944, from the San Antonio office concerning the captioned individual.

No investigation of Virginia Hill is desired by your office. However, in the event pertinent information concerning her comes to the attention of your office, it should be promptly transmitted to the Bureau.

With reference to the information set out in the enclosed letter concerning Virginia Hill, reported as a member of the Waafs, it is known that this latter Virginia Hill is not identical with the captioned subject. Further information set out in the enclosed letter that subject may be identical with Militza Korjus is not accurate, inasmuch as it is known that Militza Korjus is a concert singer from the European continent who is presently residing and giving concerts in North America. S-1(B)u

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United States Department of Justice
San Antonio, Texas
March 30, 1944

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Director, FBI

Re: VIRGINIA HILL
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir:

By summary of information dated March 26, 1944, at Dallas, Texas, Colonel A. W. ROFFE, Deputy Director, Security and Intelligence Division, Army Service Forces, Headquarters 8th Service Command, furnished the following information: S-1(e) u

"This office has been advised that one VIRGINIA HILL arrived in Mexico City by plane on 14 March 1944. It is reported that HILL now resides in the home once owned by Rudolph Valentino in Benedict Canyon on Tower Road, Beverly Hills, California. S-1(e) u

"While in Mexico City, HILL was seen in the company of the following individuals: HARRY BLUMENTHAL: LOUIS CASTRO: MILIZA KORJUS: DAVID SILVER: and MRS. CHUNG. S-1(e) u

"PEPE ROMERO and JOE ADONAS have been staying with HILL at the above address in Beverly Hills. S-1(e) u

"HILL poses as an oil heiress, but in reality receives her money from some subversive group, probably members of the under-world in Chicago. S-1(e) u

"This office was advised on 12 August 1943 that one VIRGINIA HILL had corresponded with one DR. OTTO TROTT, who was interned at Camp Forrest, Tennesses and to whom HILL was said to be engaged. This VIRGINIA HILL was reported to be a member of the WAAFS. It is not known whether she is identical with subject of the preceding paragraph. S-1(e) u

"The records of this office disclose that one MILITZA KORJUS, who may or may not be identical with the individual mentioned above as an associate of HILL, was reported 29 July 1942 as suspected of being a Nazi agent in Mexico where she was a highly paid motion picture actress. One MILITZA KORJUS was also reported 31 July 1942 to be an associate of DR. ALEXANDER M. ZENSES. ZENSES is a Nazi suspect and associate in Mexico of HILDA KRUEGER, also a suspected Nazi agent." S-1(e) u

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per the name as subject
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Re: VIRGINIA HILL; INTERNAL SECURITY

A check of the indices of the San Antonio Field Division fails to disclose any information on VIRGINIA HILL and these data are being forwarded to the Bureau so that an appropriate check can be made of the Bureau indices and so that the Bureau, if it so desires, may forward the information to the Bureau's confidential sources in Mexico City.

Very truly yours,

R. C. SURAN
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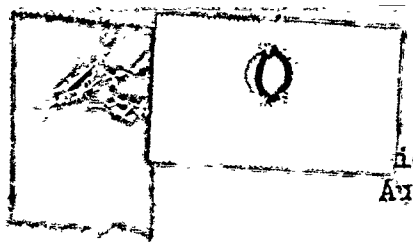

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August 8, 1946

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

SAC, LOS ANGELES

RE: CAPGA
Chicago File #62-3679
Bureau File #62-81093

Dear Sir:

In response to the Los Angeles Teletype of August 6, 1946 and the telephone communication to Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLEY from Special Agent A. E. OSTHOETHOFF of August 5, 1946, this is to advise you that the following information concerning Mrs. MAX NETTLER is as follows:

Mrs. NETTLER resides in a three room apartment at 5240 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois. She is 45 years of age and is the wife of MAX NETTLER who is employed as a bailiff in the Municipal Court of Chicago, Illinois. NETTLER's duties consist of serving civil summons on the north side of Chicago. He is an appointee of FRANK LYMAN, Committeeman of the Democratic Party in the 48th Ward. The NETTLERS are Jewish-American. They have a moderate income estimated to be $5000 per year.

The main file in the Chicago Field Division concerning VIRGINIA HILL, Chicago File 62-3114, Los Angeles File 62-2290, reflects that VIRGINIA HILL, when visiting in Chicago in 1942, stayed at the Sherman and St. Claire Hotels. The Bureau's file of VIRGINIA HILL is 62-68739.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY
Assistant Director

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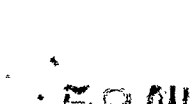

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SAC, Los Angeles

November 1, 1946

Director, FBI

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY

There is enclosed herewith an uncertified photostatic copy of the income tax return of Virginia Hill, c/o N. J. Ross, 325 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, California, for the year 1945.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. E. A. Tamm

DATE: July 3, 1947

FROM : R. A. Rosen

SUBJECT: VIRGINIA HILL, with aliases
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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PURPOSE

To set forth the identity of the brothers of Virginia Hill.

BACKGROUND

A review of the Bureau files reflects a letter received from the Military Intelligence Division of the War Department dated May 3, 1944, advising that Virginia Hill arrived in Mexico City by plane on March 14, 1944. According to this letter, Hill stated that she is an American citizen and had five brothers in the U. S. armed forces. Virginia Hill stated one brother was located at Camp Hunt, where he was trained as an antiaircraft gunner. A second brother enlisted in the Navy and was then a Lieutenant Commander. A third brother was in the Navy, rank unknown, in the submarine service. According to MID, Virginia Hill stated that a fourth brother was in the Marine Corps and saw active duty at Makin. The whereabouts of the fifth brother was not mentioned by Hill. S-1(c) u

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In connection with the case entitled "Racketeering Activities in the Los Angeles Field Division", the Los Angeles Division by report dated March 26, 1945, furnished the description of Virginia Hill, which included the listing of her brothers as follows: Carl Hill, U. S. Navy, age 33; John Hill, U. S. Marines, age 23; James Hill, U. S. Army, age 21; William Hill, age 16, Marietta, Georgia, Charles Hill, age 14, address unknown and R. C. Hill, alias Tigger, Miami, Florida. It is observed that the letter received from the Military Intelligence Division reported that Virginia Hill has five brothers, whereas the brothers listed in the report from the Los Angeles Division reflects that there are six. It is also observed that the Los Angeles report mentioned above reflects that William Hill, age 16, resided at Marietta, Georgia.

In connection with the case entitled "Benjamin 'Bugs' Siegel", information was furnished by confidential informant [redacted] a close associate of Virginia Hill, that William "Billy" Hill is closely associated with Madam Chung in San Francisco and that the informant knew that Madam Chung was able through her influence with Naval officers to make arrangements for Billy Hill to be assigned to the submarines of the U. S. Navy. b7D

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In view of the fact that it has been reported that several of Virginia Hill's brothers served in the armed forces, a request has been made of the Liaison Section of the Identification Division to search the various service records for further identifying information in order that the fingerprint records of the Identification Division can be searched for criminal records on the brothers of Virginia Hill. Upon receipt of additional information, you will be immediately advised.

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Ryan

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SAC, Chicago

February 26, 1947

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Director, FBI

GENERAL CRIME SURVEY
CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

Reference is made to your letter dated December 31, 1946, in the case entitled, "BENJAMIN 'BUGS' SIEGEL; MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING", wherein you requested photostatic copies of the income tax returns of Joseph Epstein for the years 1941 to 1945 inclusive.

For your information, there are enclosed photostatic copies of the income tax returns of Joseph Epstein, 4203 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, for the years 1942 to 1944, inclusive. The copy of the 1941 income tax return of Joseph Epstein was furnished your office by Bureau letter dated January 10, 1947. With respect to the 1945 income tax return of Joseph Epstein, the Treasury Department has advised that this return will be forwarded at a later date. Upon receipt at the Bureau, it will be furnished your office.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC LOS ANGELES URGENT

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, MISC. INFO. CRIME SURVEY. [redacted]

ADVISED TODAY THAT BARNEY RUDITZKY AND CHARLEY DORFMAN PRESENTLY IN LAS VEGAS. RUDITSKY AND DORFMAN ARE BOTH FORMER NEW YORK CITY POLICE OFFICERS AND WERE MEMBERS OF NYC PD STRONG ARM SQUAD. BOTH ARE RETIRED AND PRESENTLY OPERATE SMALL PRIVATE DETECTIVE AGENCIES IN LOS ANGELES AND NYC [redacted] DESCRIBED THEIR BUSINESS AS CHECK COLLECTIONS PRINCIPALLY AND MISCELLANEOUS WORK FOR CRIMINAL SYNDICATE. RUDITSKY AND DORFMAN ADVISED HYMIE SIEGEL THAT THEY WERE AMONG FIRST PERSONS AT SCENE OF SIEGEL SHOOTING AND RUDITSKY IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONED HYMIE SIEGEL AT FLAMINGO HOTEL, LAS VEGAS. RUDITSKY AND DORFMAN STATED THEY WENT TO NY IMMEDIATELY AFTER SIEGEL SHOOTING AND CONFERRED WITH "THE BIG SHOTS", PROBABLY COSTELLO, JOE ADONIS AND MEYER LANSKY. RUDITSKY STATED ALL OF BIG SHOTS WERE SHOCKED AT SIEGEL KILLING AND BELIEVE WILLIAM "BILLY" HILL, BROTHER OF VIRGINIA HILL KILLED SIEGEL WITH ASSISTANCE OF A THIRD UNIDENTIFIED BROTHER OF VIRGINIA HILL. IDENTITY OF THIRD BROTHER UNKNOWN BUT RUDITSKY CLAIMS THIS BROTHER HAS SERVED TIME IN SEVERAL PENITENTIARIES. PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF BILLY HILL UNKNOWN. LOS ANGELES ADVISE WHETHER IDENTITY OF UNKNOWN THIRD BROTHER OF VIRGINIA HILL IS KNOWN.

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DECODE OF DOUBLE CODE CABLE NUMBER 868 FROM [redacted] DATED JULY 24, 1947 AT MEXICO CITY, MEXICO. RECEIVED VIA THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

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BENJAMIN QUOTE BUGS UNQUOTE SIEGEL, CRIME SURVEY. BROADWAY COLUMNIST JACK LAIT IN COLUMN CARRIED BY UNITED STATES NEWSPAPER QUOTE SAN ANTONIO LIGHT UNQUOTE DATED JULY 24 INSTANT STATES VIRGINIA HILL BELIEVED UNITED STATES G-MEN IN MEXICO WERE INVESTIGATING HER IN CONNECTION WITH NARCOTIC MATTERS. FOR BUREAU'S INFORMATION IT IS BELIEVED THAT VIRGINIA HILL WAS REFERRING TO INVESTIGATOR OF LOCAL OFFICE OF UNITED STATES TREASURY REPRESENTATIVE. IN MY LETTER OF JUNE 25 INSTANT CONCERNING SIEGEL I ADVISED DISCREET INVESTIGATION HAD THUS FAR FAILED TO REFLECT PRESENCE OF HILL IN MEXICO. THIS OFFICE IS NOW INVESTIGATING A LEAD TO EFFECT THAT HILL PAID A QUICK AND MOST SECRET VISIT TO MEXICO CITY IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO EMBARKING ON PRESENT TRIP TO FRANCE. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED.

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THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
July 14, 1947.

Virginia Hill? They Knew Her When, But Now? A Closed Door

BY ALYCE BILLINGS WALKER
News Staff Writer

Virginia Hill, former Bessemer girl spotlighted as a friend of the murdered racketeer, Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel, is reported to have left Paris, France, bound for home.

Where's home to Virginia, friends here are wondering. Will she head for her palatial home in Miami? Will she return to the Beverly Hills, Calif., mansion in which Siegel was rubbed out by the underworld? Will she drop by to see her former friends in Bessemer, or go to see parents in Marietta, Ga.?

Ever since Siegel was killed by still-unknown enemies in Miss Hill's home June 20, Virginia's name has been in the news. She's been the topic of conversation among acquaintances here and in Marietta,

(Photos, Page 3)

Ga., where she spent a brief period of her childhood.

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FOLKS HERE and in Marietta are in the dark as to how Virginia Hill changed from "a quiet, sweet little girl" to an international figure. They don't know why the underworld is said to have threatened to "take care of her," too.

They can only tell in some parts of the story of "Tabby" Hill, a plainly-clothed, rather puny girl with mouse-colored hair, who has become a mink-draped, titian-haired glamorous headline maker of two continents. She never talked during her infrequent visits—her mother says, not even to her—about her husbands, money or activities.

Virginia's family came here from Marietta about four years before she was born. One of 10 children, she was born at Lipscomb, Aug. 26, 1916. That's what the doctor says who brought here into the world. However, she gave herself benefit of another year when she applied

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI

DATE: July 25, 1947

FROM: SAC, Birmingham

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, was
INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY

VIRGINIA HILL, was
ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON
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62-68739

Under date of July 11, 1947, the Los Angeles Office directed a teletype to Birmingham in the SIEGEL case, referring to the report of Special Agent W. A. HAMILTON, Birmingham, dated August 27, 1942, in the closed case entitled VIRGINIA HILL, was; ARTHUR GEORGE SOLOMON, INFORMATION CONCERNING, Los Angeles file No. 62-2290, Chicago file No. 62-3114, in which teletype it was stated that when the brother of VIRGINIA HILL, CHARLES HILL, was testifying at the inquest at Los Angeles, concerning the murder of SIEGEL, he named all brothers mentioned in the report of Special Agent HAMILTON except JAMES HILL.

The teletype further reflected that CHARLES HILL testified that his brother, R. C. HILL, is presently a used car dealer at Pensacola, Florida. JAMES HILL was reported to have been sentenced to the Alabama Industrial School at Birmingham at one time in the past, and R. C. HILL was reported to have been arrested on a lottery charge - embezzlement on March 11, 1938. The Los Angeles Office advised that the Bureau desired background and descriptive data of these brothers of VIRGINIA HILL in order that a search might be made of the Identification Division files at the Bureau.

It was determined by Special Agent HENRY A. SNOW, from contact with Identification Officer J. H. McFARLAND of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office at Birmingham, that a record exists in his Department of JAMES HILL, whose FBI number is [redacted] JAMES HILL was arrested by the Sheriff's Office, Birmingham, on August 2, 1938 on a charge of Petty Larceny, no disposition shown. The following was his description at the time of arrest:

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Name:	JAMES HILL
Sex:	Male
Color:	White
Age:	[redacted]
Born:	Bessemer, Alabama - [redacted]
Height:	5' 5½"
Weight:	138
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Grey

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Director, FBI

Complexion:	Ruddy
Occupation:	Student
Teeth:	Good
Shoe size:	6½
Hat size:	7 3/8
Residence:	RFD 3, Box 283, Bessemer, Alabama
Relatives:	
Mother	MARGARET HILL, Marietta, Georgia
Father	M. W. HILL, Rt. 3, Box 283, Bessemer, Ala.
Brothers	CARL HILL, San Diego, California (USN)
	R. C. HILL, Pensacola, Florida
	JOHN HILL, New York City
	BILL HILL, Chicago, Illinois
Sisters	VIRGINIA GRIFFIN (Virginia Hill) Chicago, Illinois
	RUTH KELLY, Selma, Alabama
	BERBIE McCAULA, Birmingham, Alabama

The only fingerprint record concerning JAMES HILL in the files of the Identification Officer, Birmingham Sheriff's Office, under FBI No. [redacted] in addition to the above mentioned arrest on August 2, 1938, Sheriff's Office No. 10670, was a record from the War Department, Washington, D. C., giving JAMES HILL's full name as JAMES CLAY HILL, No. [redacted] as an applicant on August 2, 1939. It is possible that the files of the War Department might contain additional information relative to the brothers of JAMES HILL. b6 b7C

Contact with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office at Birmingham revealed no fingerprint record for R. C. HILL and this situation likewise exists at the Bessemer Division of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, as well as the Birmingham Police Department. However, at the latter agency, it was determined from Detective HENRY DARNELL that R. C. HILL, during the early and middle 1930's, was considered a local hoodlum in Birmingham, and on several occasions was arrested on charges of lottery, drunk, and liquor law violations. During those years, he was operating with an individual named GUS ALLEY, who was murdered a couple of years ago at the Central Park Airport, Birmingham, presumably over a liquor deal. GUS ALLEY's widow, Mrs. GRACE B. ALLEY, resides at 1321 18th Street, Southwest, Central Park, Birmingham, Alabama at the present time. R. C. HILL and GUS ALLEY were involved in two murders themselves during their period of operations, one of which per-

tained to the murder of an individual who was attempting to steal contraband liquor from them, and the other was the murder of a man who was married to a girl they were interested in. The Police Department was never able, however, to charge either R. C. HILL or GUS ALLEY with these offenses, and they were never arrested on murder charges.

The following arrests of R. C. HILL were located from a search of the docket in the city Recorder's Court at Birmingham, and it is noted that in each instance, HILL made bond immediately and prior to fingerprinting as no fingerprint record exists in the files of the Identification Bureau of the Police Department.

5-23-32 - violation liquor law - drunk.

1-14-35 - violation liquor law - Docket No. 2465-B.

1-7-36 - violation lottery laws, Docket No. 19070-B; disposition, 1-15-36, fined $25 and costs.

8-28-36 - traffic violation, Docket No. 29192-F; disposition, nol prossed, payment of costs.

11-7-37 - State Firearms Act and drunk, Docket Nos. 50825-B, 50826-B; disposition 11-17-37, not guilty.

10-29-38 - lottery, Docket No. 65494-B; disposition 10-31-38, fined $100 and 180 days; appealed, no final disposition indicated.

It will be seen from the above that R. C. HILL may probably be considered capable of performing most any type crime and it is not known at the Birmingham Office just how far the Los Angeles Office or the Bureau may desire to follow up his whereabouts on the date of SIEGEL's demise. A copy of this communication, however, is being made available to the Mobile Office in the event it might be desirable to check on his whereabouts at Pensacola, Florida on that date.

Under date of July 14, 1947, the "Birmingham News" carried photographs and a feature story concerning VIRGINIA HILL, copies of which are being forwarded to the Bureau and the Los Angeles Office for informative purposes. It is noted that the article states that VIRGINIA's father, a

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former horse and mule trader in Bessemer, Alabama, hasrecently moved to Marietta, Georgia, and for that reason, a copy of this communication is being forwarded to the Atlanta Office in the event it might be desirable to interview members of her family there.

In the absence of any further request for active investigation this case is being considered RUC, and a copy of instant letter is being forwarded to the Chicago Office due to their interest in SIEGEL, as well as the fact that the Chicago Office was formerly office of origin in the VIRGINIA HILL case.

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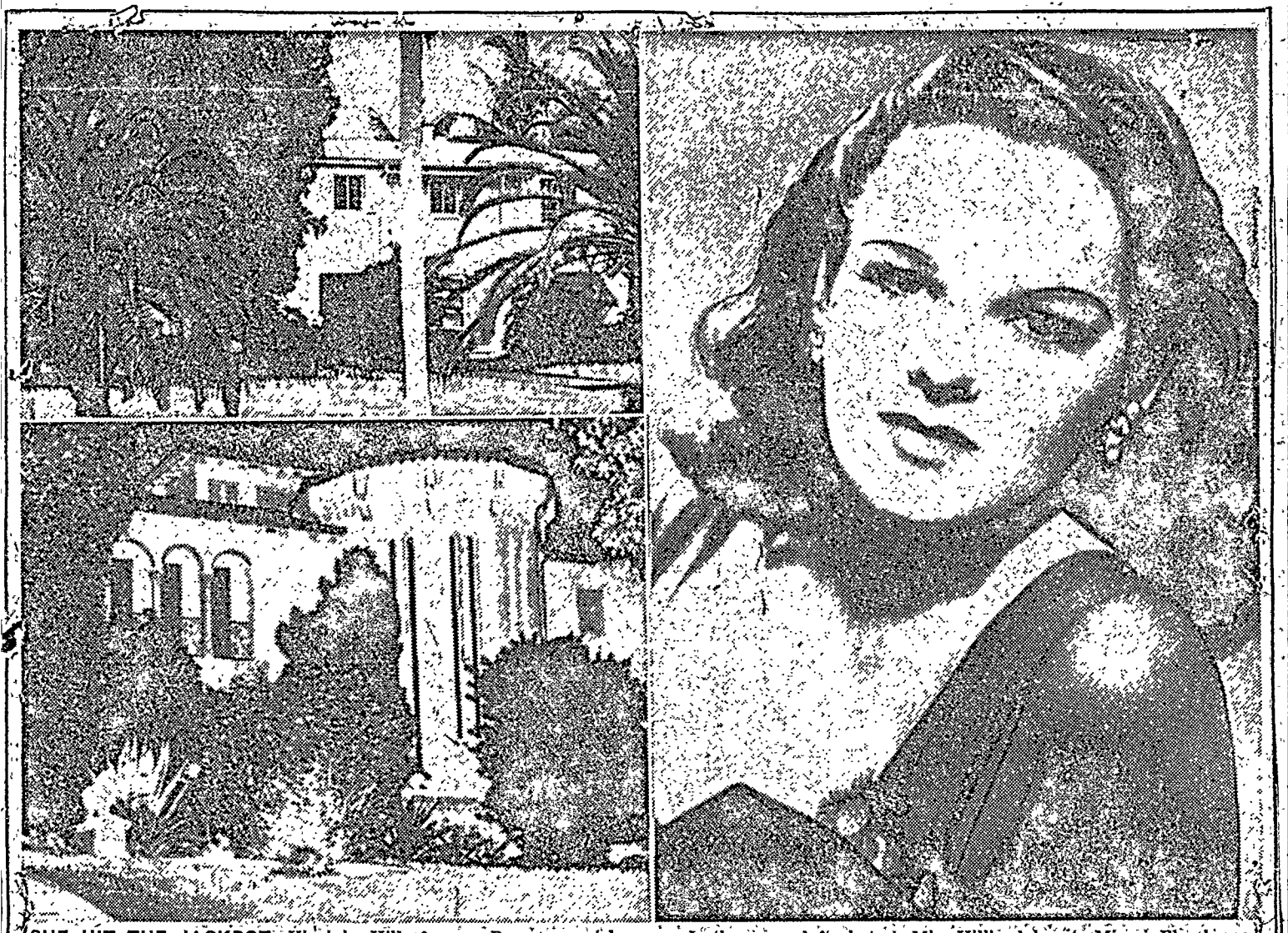

SHE HIT THE JACKPOT—Virginia Hill, former Bessemer girl, whose name has stretched across the Atlantic as a friend of murdered Racketeer "Bugsy" Siegel, is shown at the upper right. In the upper left photo is Miss Hill's elaborate Miami, Fla., home. The lower photo, left, shows her palatial residence in Beverly Hills, Calif., where Siegel was killed. Miss Hill was in Paris at the time of the killing.

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GPO FORM NO. 6

Office Memorandum • UNITED GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 27, 1947

FROM : SAC, Miami

SUBJECT: VIRGINIA HILL
MISCELLANEOUS

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As the Bureau knows, considerable publicity has recently appeared in various newspapers concerning VIRGINIA HILL, the paramour of the recently killed West Coast gangster, "BUGSY" SEIGEL. Miss HILL is presently residing at a home owned by her on Sunset Island, Miami Beach, Florida. The neighbors of Miss HILL are PAUL SCOTT, a prominent Miami attorney and W. D. PAWLEY, the United States Ambassador to Brazil.

During the winter season, Mr. PAWLEY's home is utilized by Mr. ROBERT HANNEGAN, the Postmaster General and TOM CLARK, the Attorney General. Mr. SCOTT is personally well acquainted with Mr. PAWLEY, Mr. HANNEGAN and Mr. CLARK.

Mr. J. J. BROWN, Internal Revenue Agent in Charge at Miami, Florida, a close personal friend of PAUL SCOTT, advised the Miami Office August 26, 1947 that Mr. SCOTT had approached CLAUDE RENSHAW, City Manager of Miami Beach, regarding the fact that Miss HILL is a highly undesirable neighbor. Accordingly, Mr. RENSHAW issued orders to the Chief of Police at Miami Beach to instruct Miss HILL, Miss HILL's secretary and Miss HILL's brother, who reside with her, to appear at the Miami Beach Police Department to be fingerprinted. It is the intention of the authorities at Miami Beach to prosecute Miss HILL and the members of her household for violation of the Criminal Registration Act in the event it is found they have criminal records which they failed to register with the Miami Beach Police Department.

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Mr. BROWN stated that in addition to the above, PAUL SCOTT had advised him that he intends to be in Washington in the next couple of weeks and during this time is going to call on Mr. HANNEGAN and the Attorney General. At that time he intends to request Mr. HANNEGAN and Mr. CLARK to have the Federal authorities take some action to assist the Miami Beach authorities in getting rid of Miss Hill. Mr. BROWN stated that Mr. SCOTT feels the Attorney General will probably instruct the Bureau to make an inquiry concerning the activities, source of income and previous underworld connections of Miss HILL.

The Miami Office is taking no action at this time and this information is being furnished to the Bureau in view of the fact that Mr. SCOTT will probably be in touch with the Attorney General within the next several weeks concerning this matter.

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We have no legitimate interest in this controversy.

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for license to marry her second husband, Ieon Osgood Griffin.

Jefferson County court records show her statement that she was born at Bessemer in November, 1917. Further, the record quotes her as having been married once before and divorced in May, 1935, in Chicago. Griffin, too, according to the records, had been married before, and divorced in Chicago. He is the son of O. A. Griffin, Bessemer lumberman. A star Bessemer football player, he went one year to the University of Alabama.

Griffin is not in town for a statement, but apparently this marriage didn't last long. According to Miss Hill's account, her third marriage to Carlos Valdez, Mexican dancer, took place in January, 1940, and ended in December of the same year.

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WHEN VIRGINIA MARRIED her first husband, George Rogers, and who he is or was, is the mystery question to her childhood friends. This marriage is supposed to have taken place in 1933. He is said to have been from Birmingham or Bessemer. However, no one here knows anything about him and none of the court records in the county give any information about such a marriage. Miss Hill is reported to have said the marriage was annulled.

An accquaintance in Marietta does recall that Virginia came there with her mother, Mrs. Margaret Hill, in 1932. The parents had separated at that time and Mrs. Hill returned to her former home with most of her children. Two boys stayed in Bessemer with the father, W. M. (Mack) Hill.

Soon after the family went to Marietta, the friend recalls that a young man in an "A" model Ford came to town. Virginia left with him. Marietta folks suppose this was the first husband, the unidentified George Rogers. But to none of her friends here has Virginia ever mentioned him. First news that there had been a marriage before the one with "Ossie" Griffin came with the story of "Bugsy" Siegel's murder. Virginia, by the way, was en route to Paris at the time of the murder.

Three of Virginia's former school teachers remember her as a "sweet child." She wasn't very interested in her school work, but "never caused any trouble." She attended the now gone Roberts School on Bessemer's outskirts. Her father was and still is a mule and horse trader. Her mother ran a boarding house. The little girl, one teacher recalls, brought her a piece of pie nearly every day.

It was this teacher that Virginia looked up first when she came back to Bessemer after a sojourn in Chicago. Marietta people say she returned there after departing with the "strange young man," stayed briefly, then went to Chicago.

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VIRGINIA TOLD her teacher she had taken a beauty culture course in Chicago. "I could hardly believe it when she told me who she was," the teacher remembers. "She looked like a queen."

The marriage license record shows that Miss Hill listed "modeling" as her profession while in Chicago.

Virginia went through the eight elementary grades in Bessemer schools. Whether she went to high school anywhere isn't known here.

So far as can be remembered, Virginia's last visit to Bessemer was around 1940. She didn't stay, however, with her father, but set up headquarters in a Birmingham hotel. She entertained a select few friends from Bessemer at one of the most lavish dinner parties Birmingham has ever had. One of the guests admitted most of the group went out of curiosity for Virginia's display of wealth, and the generous gifts to family and friends that had set tongues wagging.

She went to Marietta during this same visit in this section. It apparently was after her separation from her Mexican husband, for she brought her brothers and sisters numerous Mexican souvenirs. Her mother then was working in a textile mill. The daughter bought and expensively furnished her a home. She bought her two younger brothers a convertible.

She dated some of the Marietta boys—and paid all the bills. She had some men visitors while there, but never introduced them to the local folks. Also on this last visit, Virginia invited the whole neighborhood to a chicken dinner she cooked herself.

Soon after Virginia supposedly went to California, her mother sold the house, stored the furniture and took the younger children to Florida. Then Virginia sent for her to join her in California. When Mrs. Hill returned to Marietta a few months later, she told friends she didn't like having to stay "dressed up" all the time. Nor did she like having to entertain Virginia's "rich" friends in the swank apartment her daughter occupied.

The daughter by then had established a reputation for "big spending." She made her Hollywood "debut" with a $7,500 champagne party in 1941.

Mrs. Hill is now visiting friends at Social Circle, a small community 60 miles distant from Atlanta. Mr. Hill, until about four months ago, was employed as a mule trader at a Bessemer livestock yard. He is at present operating a livery stable at Ackworth, near Marietta.

Neither parent has heard from the daughter directly in several months, they say.

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JUST AS VIRGINIA shared her wealth with her family from time to time, so did she share some of her friends. Movieland's John Carroll, sent Mrs. Hill a huge box of candy Christmas. She corresponds regularly with singer Sophie Tucker.

Virginia comes of sturdy Georgia stock. Her 92-year-old grandmother, Mrs. J. P. Reid, who lives at Kennesaw Mountain, still is active. In fact, she was chopping cotton at the age of 86.

No one here knows just how Virginia came about her money. They just know that on every visit she always had a "wad of cash." They are wondering, however, whether she will share in the $3,000,000 paid by Sanford D. Adler, Las Vegas and Los Angeles business man, for the Flamingo Night Club at Las Vegas, Nev.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Breeding, recent visitors here from Florida, recalled meeting Virginia and her brother, Charles, at the Flamingo the night it opened. Virginia and Mrs. Breeding had been in school together.

Mrs. Breeding said Virginia looked worried. She told the Breedings, "We just lost $20,000 to one fellow at a crap table."

Charles Hill added, "We don't own it all. Siegel owns 51 per cent of the place."

The Hill brothers and sisters are scattered all over the country. A sister, Mrs. Hoyt Hood, Montgomery, is the only one still in Alabama. One brother, R. C. Hill, is said to have been onetime owner of the Birmingham Black Barons baseball team.

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Years, Broadway columnists and newspapermen of two continents have been baffled by the mystery of Virginia Hill, fabulous night-club spender, called "The Female Tommy Manville," famous as Buggsy Siegel's girl friend. Whence come her seemingly limitless funds? Is she a "southern heiress"? An "oil queen"? For the first time, TRUE's reporter gives you the facts of her fascinating background

BY MICHAEL STERN

Because a somewhat notorious gentleman named Benjamin ("Buggsy") Siegel, at one time highly regarded in Hollywood sporting circles, was so inconsiderate as to get shot dead in the sumptuous mansion of a volatile redhead, the newspapers picked on the girl as an even bigger story than the murder.

Reporters concluded, from the fact that Buggsy for some time had shared the house with the bosomy redhead, that he was her lover. This so wounded her sensitive feelings that she will never again have faith in the American press.

"Now people keep saying nasty things about me—that I was Ben's mistress and such stuff," she complained recently. This bit of girlish reticence was somewhat surprising in one who had, until then, worn with pride the title of the female Tommy Manville.

The redhead is Virginia Hill, a 31-year-old, comfortably upholstered divorcee with sloe eyes and full lips. Although for a decade she had assiduously applied herself to the task of becoming a public character in night clubs of New York, Miami and Hollywood, it was not surprising that when she did create a sensation and make the headlines from coast to coast, she no longer enjoyed the part. What is surprising is that so little is known about her.

The mystery woman of the front page has had everything in the way of publicity except explanation. In the staggering volume of press copy devoted to her doings, facts have been interwoven with fiction so that even the most discerning newspaper readers find it impossible to separate one from the other. What has been most intriguing are the reports of her fabulous spending and apparently limitless funds. Life Magazine wrote off its research with the statement, "The source of her wealth is a Hollywood mystery." Typical splurges which night-lifers still talk about are the La Conga party she gave band leader Eddie Le Baron in New York and the giant coming-out soiree in Hollywood which was thrown for her at the Mocambo by a man-about-town, but for which she lifted the $7,500 tab.

La Hill has done nothing to explain her presumably inexhaustible wealth. The few statements that she has made are about as helpful as Robert Benchley's famous treasurer's report given in double talk.

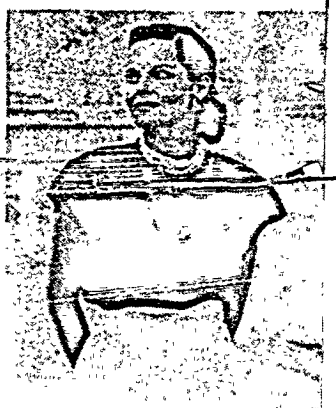
This article is intended to separate the fact from Virginia's fancy and to answer the questions that make her the most puzzling *femme fatale* of these times. It sets forth a modern-age American success story in which a poor little country girl takes on city slickers in relays and beats them on their own home grounds. Those who place abiding faith in such homely virtues as truth, sobriety and respectability will find no solace in this recital. But others of more worldly bent may draw what inspiration they can from little Virginia's avoidance of those qualities which the story books tell us are necessary for woman's success.

I first ran across the glamorous redhead in New York City in 1940 when she told the local newsmen about a reported $60,000 investment she had just made in the Hurricane night club. She seemed slightly bored by the attentions of the press as she explained that her legal adviser had pointed out that, being the greatest party-giver since Diamond Jim Brady, she could, by spending it in a joint her own, have the same fun and get something back. She went on to talk about herself. She was born in nd, she said, of an American mother and a half-can-Indian father (the other half unspecified) who returned to America while she was still a child and brought her up in Georgia.

"Father struck it rich, you know," she explained. "Oil."

Broadway chroniclers found her to be the sort of sustaining dish that has enough substance to prop a sagging column. Dorothy Kilgallen wrote: "Virginia Hill, the Georgia heiress who's squandering so much coin around Broadway, flirting with her ex-husband. . . . John Carroll, who adores Virginia Hill, the heiress, is consoling himself." And Ed Sullivan came up with the intelligence that "Virginia Hill and Miguelito Valdes split, but her valedictory gift to him was a $7,500 diamond watch and ring." His colleague, Danton Walker, followed with the flash that "Virginia Hill has been discovered by Gene Krupa—or vice versa. Miguelito Valdes is now apparently out of the pix." An anonymous writer declared that the incendiary redhead from Georgia was the gal in a Hollywood brawl who threw an egg that hit Errol Flynn in the eye, and for this even some of her nonadmirers applauded her zeal, aim and target selection.

But the oil-heiress role began wearing thin. It was strictly a gag label pinned on her for a rib by Nate Gross, top-flight Chicago columnist, in his daily Town Tattler in the Herald-American, and was about as valid [*Continued on page* 88]



For a poor little country girl, Virginia did all right among the city slickers.

Joseph Epstein (right), Chicago accountant and noted midwest sportsman, is shown with the author, Michael Stern (left) and Phil Regan, the famous Irish singer, in the Empire Room of Chicago's Palmer House, where Mr. Regan was appearing at the time.

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That was when life stopped having much meaning and Virginia took the first of many overdoses of sleeping pills. But a constitution that can absorb fifteen stingers a night can take a great deal of sodium barbital. After she pulled through, she went to Paris for a little vacation away from the romantic Bug.

She was there when, on the night of June 20, 1947, an unknown person, armed with an Army carbine, fired nine shots through the living-room window of her Beverly Hills home. Five slugs hit Buggsy in the face. It was a very ordinary finish for a punk who thought himself good.

One news-service dispatch from Los Angeles quoted a high police source as saying that Lucky Luciano had ordered the murder. I was in Rome at the time and I found Lucky in the lobby of the Albergo Savoia. I showed him the news item and his lip curled in a sneer.

"So they say I gave it to the Bug? Sure, I did it. Why not? I'm the king of vice, the king of dope, and Public Enemy Number One. And it's in the American newspapers, eh? Anything you read there must be true. Now, is there anything else you want me to confess to, any baby snatches, or ax murders?"

In Paris Virginia tried to [illegible] news [illegible] communi- [illegible] She issued [illegible] from her barricaded hotel room. "The death of my friend Benjamin Siegel caused me immense chagrin and I am seeking solitude because of my suffering. My plans for a vacation in Europe were made a long time before Mr. Siegel died, and it is pure fantasy to suggest that he made me leave." She later broke down and cried: "Ben was the only man I ever loved. I could kill myself."

She fled to the Hotel Reserve in Beaulieu-Sur-Mer on the Riviera, in the company of two young French gentlemen friends who were protecting her from the press, and took another overdose of sleeping pills. While she was recovering, one of the "protectors" brought her a huge bouquet of lilies which he laid across her chest. Then he photographed her and one hour later was trying to peddle the picture to the reporters. Virginia got back to Paris, where she took another overdose of sleeping pills.

A friend visited her as she was recovering from this jag and revealed that the American Embassy was going to request her to get out. Virginia got mad. She tore her passport to bits and flushed them down the toilet.

"Now let them try to put me out!" she announced triumphantly.

Virginia has been ducking what she calls the heels of the press ever since. When she got back to the States, she went down to Florida; there she took another overdose of sleeping pills, but by this time she could toss them off like liquor.

She's been running around incognito because she's ashamed to face her old friends. The hunt for her by the press is still going on.

The week that I located her on a ranch in Kalispell, Montana, she was reported to be in South America, in Florida, in a New York night club and in Hollywood spending $50,000 redecorating her Beverly Hills home.

"Why are people interested in me?" she asked me, which I think comes close to being a classic. Virginia, like a hurt kid, had come back to the [illegible] guy from Chicago who was the only one who ever gave her a square [illegible] and doing take-off [illegible] famous characters. One stunt was to pose as Bonnie Parker, the gun moll, with foot up on a car bumper and flashing a revolver, a musket and a tight sweater. A friend snapped this picture in a spirit of good clean fun.

"I heard on the radio the other night that I was in Los Angeles buying a new wardrobe," she said. "I haven't been back to that city since—well, since I left for Paris. I read in the newspapers here that William Haines was redecorating the Beverly Hills house for me. Do you blame me for coming out here to get away from people?"

And that's the status of the little gal who made good in the big city. She says she's over the rough spots in the Buggsy deal. She just wants six months out of the public eye. As for hiding from mobsters, which some papers have suggested, she snorts, "I don't need protection from imaginary gangsters or anyone else—except reporters. I just want to be left alone."—Michael Stern

Who Is Virginia Hill?

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as naming Jimmy Durante social arbiter of New York's Four Hundred. Virginia came up with another beaut.

"You see, most of my money comes from George Rogers, my first husband," she told an inquiring reporter. "But he's dead, so let's not go into that. I was fifteen—no, I guess I was fourteen when we married. I'm no good at remembering dates. The marriage was annulled, but he settled a lot of money on me. I've got a friend in Chicago who is smart with stocks, so the money has been doubled."

Dates aren't the only thing Virginia has difficulty remembering. Her memory is bad when it comes to husbands. Take Rogers, for example. There is no record of the marriage in the town in which she claims to have tied the knot. Nor has the most diligent search produced any record of an annulment. A similar search failed to reveal any will filed for probate in her favor. Even the name of the "husband" is in doubt. One of Virginia's sisters calls him George Brown, while a federal investigating agency, upon looking into the matter, learned that it was a man named George Randell who, in August of 1933, whizzed her away in a model A Ford and carried her off to Chicago.

There is a record of a marriage to Ossie Griffith on January 13, 1939, but this was annulled six months later. Virginia refers to Ossie as her All-American fullback, which, for Virginia, is reasonably close to the truth since Griffith played on the Bessemer, Alabama, high school football team. She acquired a second—she counts him as third—husband in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, on January 20, 1940. He is a Mexican rumba dancer named Carlos Gonzales Valdez and she aired him in New York just one year later.

Virginia's disregard for the truth added to the confusion surrounding the Hurricane, one of Broadway's plushier tourist traps. While she claimed that she had sunk sixty G's in the joint, the man who foots her bills told me that it was only $6,000 that he gave her for the purpose, and he ought to know. But a check with the license bureau at police headquarters lists the officers as Dave Wolper, Sylvia Wolper and Benjamin Schenkman and shows that these three were asked the following question:

"Has anyone except you three any financial interest in the club?"

"No," they responded.

Virginia has kept her secret, paradoxically, by talking too much. It is entirely possible that the fictionalized conception of herself has so merged with her real self that she fell victim to her own publicity. If so, then perhaps she was not prepared for the time when a snooping writer would cut through the baloney and come up with the facts. Here they are.

Virginia Hill was born on August 26, [illegible], in the little town of Lipscomb, [illegible] was one of ten children of Margaret and W. M. Hill, a mule trader and livery-stable operator in modest circumstances. The family left Lipscomb and went to Bessemer, where the mother operated a boarding house. Virginia, a skinny, plain-looking kid with mouse-colored hair, was called Tabby by her friends in the Roberts grammar school, where she completed eight grades—which, so far as is known, was the extent of her formal education. One of the teachers remembers Tabby because the girl used to bring her a slice of pie instead of the proverbial apple. She also recalls that Tabby was a sweet child, not too interested in her studies, but not any trouble in the classroom.

There is in each of us the very natural longing to succeed in the world and then go back to the old home town and parade down the main drag, glittering as we walk. Virginia was no exception, and some years after her school days were over she returned to the scenes of her childhood in a style that knocked their eyes out. They still talk about it. For gifts she bought a house for her mother, gave a convertible to each of two younger brothers and threw so lavish a party for the townsfolk that it stunned them. Her grade-school teachers didn't recognize this mink-clad, jewel-laden, titian-haired girl with the sexy eyes as the skinny Tabby they once knew. It was only natural that village eyebrows rose in surprise at all this splendor. Virginia had a ready, though somewhat thin, explanation.

"I took a beauty-school course in Chicago," she said demurely.

The attitude of the good burghers can best be summed up in a song Phil Regan has popularized in the supper clubs. It deals with a country lass who is driven from town because of bucolic dalliance in the woods with a bewhiskered figure that, she claims, was only Paddy McGinty's goat. She returns years later, with rings on her fingers and wearing a sable coat and "you can bet your hat she didn't get that from Paddy McGinty's goat."

Getting back to August, 1933, and pursuing the line of fact, a young gent, unknown to friends of the 17-year-old Virginia, though quite evidently the Rogers-Brown-Randell she speaks of as her first husband, appeared on the scene and took her off in his Lizzie. She arrived in Chicago in the midst of a sweltering summer and got herself a World's Fair job on the Midway as a shill, a girl who wiggles her scantily clad wares to attract a crowd for a barker to work on. Friends who knew her during these days say that she was a pretty good kid who wasn't on the make. In fact, it has always been the boast of those men she favored that money never entered into their friendship. There's probably a moral in it somewhere, because Virginia, who was the least grasping of those in her set, wound up with the most.

She got it from a man she met casually at a quiet party given by a friend. [illegible] was a meeting that began a love af[illegible] that deserves to be ranked with [illegible] ones of the ages, since the m[illegible] to love and support h[illegible] marriages (to other men

a murder in her house and four suicide attempts. The measure of that love is that he is still supporting her. It isn't likely that any woman will dispute her outstanding qualifications to write on the topic "How to Hold Your Man." That he has been able to keep his name out of the news headlines proves him to be, in other respects, a sensible person.

He is Joe Epstein, a 46-year-old Chicagoan of medium height, curly-haired, wide-mouthed and nearsighted. Joe is an accountant for and a part owner of a firm of commission brokers. The commissions that this firm executes come from that section of the sporting rich which feels it can predict the outcome of a contest in which the speed of steeds is matched. Anyone so crass as to call it a bookie joint is completely out of touch with reality because this largest of national layoff houses accepts no commissions from clients unless the size and frequency of orders is such as to justify putting in a special direct wire. It should be noted that the reputation of this firm in executing its commissions and in rewarding those clients who, surprisingly, sometimes guess correctly in this noble sport of kings, is excellent.

The income from such a calling is considerable and Joe, a wealthy bachelor with no better use for his money (except to cut in Uncle Sam, who wants his slice no matter where the money comes from) devoted himself to creating a lady out of the Midway shimmy dancer.

The smart boys in the Loop said, "Joe bought himself a lady or girl." The year was 1934.

Many people [illegible] to figure out what it was that little Virginia had that made her stand out. Chicagoans who remember her at that time tell me that she was a short, dumpy girl with a big bosom and chestnut hair. The closest this writer can come to giving an answer—and bear in mind that he is a friend of Joe Epstein—is that Virginia was not a calculating female. She had a certain independence of spirit that asserted itself even when it was contrary to her pecuniary interests. She said what she felt without weighing the costs, and this gave her a sincerity and openness of manner. Possibly her strongest attraction was the fact that she was not for sale. She followed her heart rather than the dollar sign and, strangely enough, only in rare instances did the two coincide.

Her independence expressed itself in choice of escorts. Even though Joe paid the bills, she had other boy friends. One of them was Major Riddle—"Major" being his first name, not a military title—who inherited a trucking company and who was part of the triangle that made up a standing gag. Virginia, wearing a silver-fox cape and diamond pendant, would be accosted by a friend who would point to the cape.

"Epstein?" he would inquire.

"No, Riddle."

Pointing to the pendant, "Riddle?"

"No, Epstein."

Whereupon all present would double up with laughter. Riddle swears to intimates that he never gave money to Virginia. Once he gave her a diamond brace[illegible] she was not in a gift-receiving mood. She became livid with rage, screamed, "What kind of a girl do you think I am?" and flung the offending bauble into the toilet. There are some cynics who point out that Viriginia can spot value in a stone at ten paces, but it would not appear that disappointment motivated this girlish outburst.

It is quite probable that her drab childhood had much to do with inclining her toward the tinseled life of the night clubs. Chicago couldn't hold her long. She told Joe that life was passing her by and she wanted to hit the bright lights in New York and Hollywood before she got too old to enjoy it. That was when she took up with the rumba crowd, Mexican dancers and Cuban singers. She was an heiress cut adrift from the family and out for a hell of a toot. She tipped freely and if change was in anything less than $20 bills, she waved it off. She gave gifts to her men friends, and there were those who reciprocated with an occasional trinket like a mink coat or sable wrap.

Although some of her spending was wild, it never reached the fantastic amounts dreamed up by some columnists. Take the publicized $60,000 Hurricane investment. Joe sent her $6,000, but the owners swear she made no investment. A friend says she loaned $3,000 and quickly borrowed back $1,000 of it to pay another bill. During this period she lived in the Savoy-Plaza Hotel in a room that cost $15 a day. Later she retrenched by moving into a room that cost only $13.

There have been those who intimate that the latitude permitted Virginia [illegible] resulted from a motive other than love. It has been suggested that she was a shill for the book and that a single customer steered in the right direction would not only pay for all her wild spending but would show a profit for the principals. There is no proof that Virginia did this.

For those who have wondered about the size of her income—and please, Virginia, don't get mad at me for telling—it is $15,000 a year. This income, which has been the same for several years, proves Virginia to be possessed of one of the most remarkable traits extant. It is called controlled luck, because her entire income consists of "wagers," and this amazing woman always wins the same amount each year.

After the murder of Buggsy Siegel, reporters tried to get her younger brother, Chick, to talk about the money. He naively explained: "My sister told me that she doesn't really know where it comes from, but her lawyer tells me it is pouring in so fast she can't begin to spend it all."

It was as the girl friend of this popular young sporting man named Ben Siegel who bore the nickname Buggsy—a handle he felt was degrading—that Virginia made the grade. She was introduced to him by another potent and wealthy gentleman friend, about whom Lee Mortimer wrote the following in the New York Daily Mirror: "Her original gold mine was Brooklyn's top gang chieftain, a man supposed to be happily wed and with children, who preferred to keep Virginia as far away from New York as possible."

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SHE WASN'T BORN YESTERDAY, BUT

How to Make Friends Is All Virginia Knows

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Virginia Hill, showing every one of her 34 years, listens intently to a question posed by Senate crime probers (left) and (right) bites her lips briefly before replying.

NEW YORK, March 16—Virginia Hill quit going to school when she reached the eighth grade, but she had a wonderful ability to make friends.

The woman who parlayed a job as waitress at the 1934 Chicago World's Fair into a reputation as the queen of the shadowy half-world of American racketdom revealed that much during an uncomfortable hour she spent before the Senate crime sub-commitee at Federal courthouse here yesterday.

But the Kefauver committee was disappointed if it expected the fabulous consort of hoodlums to tell where the body was buried.

MARRIED SKI TEACHER

The girl friend of the late Mr. Bugsy Siegel—now married to ski instructor Hans Hauser—was as woolly-minded as any girl who ever came out of the deep South when the committee sought to pin her down on facts about her income (mostly it came as "gifts" from friends) or the business of her racketeering associates (she always left the room when they talked business).

After she left the witness stand, Miss Hill engaged in a bit of fishwifery in an elevator in the court building. To a lady reporter from one of New York's more intemperate newspapers, she shrilled:

"You're a dirty little bum."

Then she socked the reporter on the chin and advised other newsmen that she hoped the atom bomb fell on every one of them.

WAITRESS

Miss Hill told the committee she ... everything I want. And then when I was with Ben, he bought me everything.

Q. By "Ben" you mean Ben Seigel?

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The committee questioned Miss Hill closely on her business associations with Siegel and others. What they found out you could put in your eye.

Q. . . . But are you really not in any position to give this committee any of the details you must have heard about the business of Siegel or (Joe) Adonis?

A. But I never knew anything about their business. They didn't tell about their business.

Q. The reason I ask you is that you seem to have a great deal of ability to handle financial affairs. A. Who, me?

Q. You seem to have taken very good care of your own finances.

A. I take care of myself.

Q. And frankly it is hard for me to believe, setting here, watching you in the last half hour— A. Whether you believe it or not. I ... Seigel, who was shot down in Miss Hill's Hollywood mansion in 1947.

Q. Do you feel like talking about it? Do you have any theory about what happened, who is was had it in for him? I don't want you to mention any name.

A. Mr. Kefauver, if I knew anything about it, believe me, I would be the first one to talk. I don't know anything, and I have asked people and they say they don't know anything. Nobody seems to know anything.

Miss Hill denied she had ever acted as messenger for her "friends." She emphatically denied that she had ever transported huge sums of money for them. She also denied she ever transported narcotics into this country from Mexico altho she had been approached several times by people who wanted her to sell "H and C" (heroin and cocaine) for them.

Narcotics traffic in Mexico, she said, "is no secret. Everybody knows who uses it."

These candid photographs given an interesting study of the Alabama-born girl who had lots of friends in racketland.

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of six weeks you spent quite a bit of money? A. That is true.

Q. How much money did you spend there? A. I don't know, but it was quite a bit.

Q. Well, would the sum of $12,000 sound right? A. Maybe it was $12,000 or maybe more. I don't keep records.

Q. The hotel record shows between $11,000 and $12,000.

A. Well, naturally, I guess they show the right thing.

Q. The hotel record shows also that of the $12,000 only $1500 was paid by either a check or money order, and the rest was all paid in cash.

A. Yes, that's all I have. I don't have any bank account or checking accounts or anything. I have cash.

Q. Your assets are in cash? A. Yes, outside of a few bonds I have.

Q. Would you mind telling the committee how much cash you have at the present time altogether? A. Well, with the cash and bonds, I don't think I have more than $15,000 now.

MR. EPSTEIN

Q. Would that include all the bonds or cash that anyone holds for you? A. Well, Mr. Epstein has my bonds. I don't know how many it is, but it couldn't be very much. It is bonds, and things people have given me on my birthday.

Q. Has it been your practice to give your money to Joe Epstein to hold? A. Yes.

Q. He has been a good friend? A. Yes, very good.

Q. And when you need money, he sends it to you? A. Well, after arguing and telling me I don't need it, he sends it to me.

Q. Altogether, how much money have you given Joe Epstein to hold for you? A. You see, that's a hard question to answer, because really it's been such a period of years that I really don't know, but it must have been quite a bit off and on that I have given him money.

Q. Is it your point that in the form of gifts you have received very substantial sums of money from friends? A. Well, not so often money. I have received gifts, and everything was paid for that I wanted.

Q. For instance, the $11,000 to $12,000 that you spent at Sun Valley: where did you get that,

A. That came from Mexico.

Q. From Mexico? A. Yes.

Q. Was that also in the form of gifts from friends? Could you tell the committee who these friends were who gave you those gifts? A. No, I can't tell them who the men were.

Q. Well, can you tell the committee whether they are men that you met in the United States? A. No, I never met them in the United States.

Q. Are they Mexicans? A. They are Mexicans.

Q. And you feel that out of chivalry you do not want to reveal their names. A. I can't.

Q. Tell the committee then, and bearing in mind it is under oath and that you are trying to be precise; are these men who, to your knowledge, have had any acquaintance with any of the gangsters or racketeers that you ever knew? A. Never.

NO SECRETS

Miss Hill, flustered to the reporter-punching point, left the stand after an hour of grilling. Whatever secrets she knows she carried with her, except for the fact that she admitted winning a lot of money on the horses for a number of years and only giving the Bureau of Internal Revenue a casual accounting of it.

The committee concluded that point by saying perhaps she hadn't been as square with "Uncle Sam as the rest of us have to be."

Mrs. Houser replied: "Then he'll have to take care of that, won't he?"

Q. Uncle Sam?

A. Yes.

But no state secrets of the underworld were blurted by the reputed queen.

Miss Hill's "friends" probably approved of that.

BUGSY SIEGEL
". . . very good friends"

MISS HILL
. . . all were not gangsters

Only a Few Cocktail Parties

Resort Man 'Amazed' at Tab

SUN VALLEY, Idaho, March 16—Virginia Hill had a $45-a-day suite during her six weeks' stay here, General Manager W. P. Rogers said today.

Mr. Rogers said Miss Hill gave only a few cocktail parties, most of them attended by no more than four persons. The biggest one, he said, had about six persons.

"These parties usually were attended by ski instructors and by guests," Mr. Rogers said. "We happened to know the guests who were present and we can say that there were no underworld figures at any of these parties."

Mr. Rogers said he sent records showing that Miss Hill had spent about $11,000 during her six weeks in Sun Valley to the Senate crime investigating committee, which had subpenaed them.

He said he was "amazed" when he figured how much she had spent at the resort.

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Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 27, 1949

FROM : SAC, San Francisco

SUBJECT: VIRGINIA HILL
Miscellaneous Information Concerning;
Crime Survey

San Francisco P.D.

Confidential Informant [redacted] has advised that he has ascertained from a very reliable source that VIRGINIA HILL, former paramour of the late BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL, is presently residing in Mexico City at the Latino-Americano Building, Room 106, with her brother CHARLES "CHICK" HILL.

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The informant advises that HILL receives three or four one thousand dollar bills weekly from JOE EPSTEIN of Chicago through the mails. This money is either sent in letters or in newspapers addressed to TONY PEREZ, manager of the Hotel Del Prado at Mexico City, who apparently does not know the nature of the mail. The informant states that EPSTEIN calls her long distance a day or two before sending the sum of money to her in order that she be alerted for its arrival. This money had in the past been sent to a girl named RITA at Cuernavaca, Mor, for forwarding to VIRGINIA HILL, but it seems that two remittances were lost so now the money is sent to HILL through PEREZ, as stated above.

Informant states that JOE EPSTEIN has visited with VIRGINIA HILL within the past two months at Acapulco, where they stayed at the Hotel Las Americas for a few days. Informant stated that his source advises that HILL had planned to purchase a house at Acapulco but has not done so as she has decided to make a trip to Europe during the month of June.

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Informant has asked that this information not be used outside of the FBI as he did not wish to have the source of this information revealed, which he fears would probably happen should it be made known to outside law enforcement agencies. He stated that this information was probably known to Chief ANDERSON of the Beverly Hills Police Department, who has been conducting an active investigation in Mexico on the slaying of "BUGSY" SIEGEL through the assistance of the Mexican Police. The informant advises that he has ascertained that ANDERSON had previously had the full cooperation of the Federal authorities of Mexico but apparently has violated their confidence and they are apparently no longer cooperating with him in this matter.

Informant indicated that his source obtained this information from an official of the Bank of Mexico and he regards it as reliable without question.

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: May 3, 1951

FROM : V. P. Keay

SUBJECT: ONIE HAUSER wa.
VIRGINIA HILL

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Mr. A. J. Nicholas, Passport Division, State Department, informed Mr. Roach on May 2, 1951, that Onie Hauser, commonly known as Virginia Hill, the person who figured so prominently in the Kefauver Crime Committee Hearing, has made application for a U.S. passport to proceed to South America for permanent residence. Miss Virginia Hill, as you will recall, is the person who was a close associate of/and the girlfriend of a number of high-place racketeers in the United States.

Mr. Nicholas stated that he had checked with the Kefauver Committee and inquired of them whether they had any objection to a U.S. passport being issued to Miss Hill. They advised that they had no further interest in her at this time. Mr. Nicholas stated he desired to call this information to the Bureau's attention and should we have any interest in her remaining in the United States that we make our interest known to the State Department so that they may withhold or issue a passport consistent with the desires of the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be referred to the Investigative Division for its information and that the Liaison Section be informed of what reply should be given to the State Department.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

DATE: May 4, 1951

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: ONIE HAUSER, JA
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Reference is made to Mr. Keay's memorandum to Mr. Belmont under date of May 3, 1951, which is attached.

Attached memorandum raises a question as to whether the Investigative Division has any interest one way or the other in connection with this woman's application for a passport to go to Souther America.

This is to advise that the Investigative Division has no interest in this woman and no reason to make any recommendation relative to the issuance of a passport.

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It is recommended that this information be furnished the Liaison Section for transmittal to the Passport Division.

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VIRGINIA HILL
ALLEGED INCOME TAX EVASION

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On July 18, 1951, a conversation was had between ASAC Ellsworth of the Los Angeles Division and Scott Aldon of the Investigative Division of the Bureau, at which time the question was raised as to information to be furnished a representative of the Bureau of Internal Revenue which was originally provided by [redacted] a confidential informant of the Los Angeles Office.

It was agreed that such information, if pertinent, might be furnished in the event that the nature of the information would not disclose the identity of the informant.

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You are advised that this method of handling the information is agreeable to the Bureau but that the identity of the informant must not be disclosed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. ROSEN

DATE: July 18, 1951

FROM : S. ALDEN

SUBJECT: VIRGINIA HILL
ALLEGED INCOME TAX EVASION

ASAC Ellsworth of the Los Angeles Division advised of a call received by that division from Edward Swanson of the Intelligence Section of the Bureau of Internal Revenue. Swanson asked for permission to have the Los Angeles files checked on Virginia Hill in connection with their effort to make an income tax case on her. Ellsworth stated that this Section had made the income tax case on Mickey Cohen and that they had done a considerable amount of preliminary work on Virginia Hill.

Ellsworth stated that one [redacted] a confidential informant developed in connection with the inquiry on Bugsy Siegel, was [redacted] or [redacted] for Virginia Hill, and [redacted]

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He stated that they would be most reluctant to disclose the identity of this informant. I told him that I could see no objection to reviewing our files and furnishing the Internal Revenue agent with such information contained therein as might be pertinent to his investigation. Further, that if the information furnished by this confidential informant was material to the case and would not disclose her identity there was no objection to this being furnished; however, it should be furnished as coming from a confidential source whose identity could not be disclosed.

Ellsworth stated that he would handle it in this manner and that he would not even approach the confidential informant for her permission to reveal her identity unless it was insisted upon by the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

The above is for your information.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 2, 1951

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: VIRGINIA HILL: INCOME TAX MATTER

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Reference is made to the telephone call from ASAC JAMES C. ELLSWORTH of this office to Mr. SCOTT ALDEN of the Bureau on July 18, 1951. Mr. ALDEN was advised that the Internal Revenue Bureau, Intelligence Unit at Los Angeles had requested all information in the files of this office concerning the income and expenditures of VIRGINIA HILL, to assist that agency in the preparation of an income tax violation case against her.

This is to advise that on July 30, 1951, information contained in the files of this office pertaining to VIRGINIA HILL, as regards her income and expenditures, was furnished orally to Intelligence Unit Special Agent DAN GOODYKOONTZ. The information furnished was, in substance, as follows:

Identities of places in which VIRGINIA HILL resided in 1945 and 1947, as they appear in our files, were furnished. These included one item reflecting that HILL registered under the alias of VERA HARDING at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, during the month of October, 1945, and that she resided with BENJAMIN (BUGSY) SIEGEL in Los Angeles at several addresses. In some instances the amount of money paid for rent on these premises was known, and it was furnished to Agent GOODYKOONTZ.

He was also advised that VIRGINIA HILL was reported to have purchased, on February 8, 1946, certain real property described as Lot 1, Block 1-D, Island Number 1, Sunset Island, Miami Beach, Florida (residential address 1435 West 28th Street, Miami Beach) from RANDOLPH A. HEARST and wife CATHERINE CAMPBELL HEARST, 1751 Franklin, Oakland, California. The description of this property is recorded in Plat Book #40, at Page 8, in the records of Dade County, Florida. The purchase was reportedly for the real property and the house thereon together with all furniture and fixtures. The deed was filed March 4, 1946 and is recorded in Book #2641, at Page 409. The deed states the consideration for the contract was $10.00 and other valuable consideration. Tax stamps affixed to the deed indicated the amount of the purchase price to be $49,500. The

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RE: VIRGINIA HILL:
INCOME TAX MATTER

name of the purchaser was "VIRGINIA HILL, in care of JOE ROSS, 510 Union Bank Building, Los Angeles, California." (ROSS is known to have been an attorney for SIEGEL).

Information was furnished to Agent GOODYKOONTZ indicating that VIRGINIA HILL had been friendly with JOE FISCHETTI, JOE ADONIS, MIGUELITO VALADEZ, JUAN ROMERO and CARL LAEMMLE, Jr. He was advised that we had not conducted any investigation to substantiate this allegation of friendship. He was also advised that HILL, in 1946 and 1947, was frequently in the company of BUGSY SIEGEL and that HILL was well acquainted with one JOE EPSTEIN of Chicago.

He was advised that information had been received, without there being any verification in writing, that VIRGINIA HILL utilized other individuals as mail drops for the receipt of money from JOE EPSTEIN, and that it was stated that she received as much as fifty thousand dollars in currency, on occasion, in this manner. Agent GOODYKOONTZ was advised that there were some indications VIRGINIA HILL might have received packages through Schwab's Drug Store on the Sunset Strip in Los Angeles County. Agent GOODYKOONTZ advised that the Intelligence Unit is aware of her contacts at Schwab's Drug Store saying that VIRGINIA HILL ran up a charge account of over $7000 at the drug store during a two year period. He said she purchased items on a lavish scale, one item he recalled being soap which sold at $4.50 per bar.

It was suggested to Agent GOODYKOONTZ that the records of the Western Union Telegraph Company and the United States Post Office might be checked for evidence of telegraphic money orders and post office money orders from JOE EPSTEIN, 162 East Ohio Street, or 4208 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, to VIRGINIA HILL.

All of the aliases available to this office and used by VIRGINIA HILL were furnished to Agent GOODYKOONTZ.

For the Bureau's information Agent GOODYKOONTZ stated that the tax case against VIRGINIA HILL is being worked "backwards" in that the Intelligence Unit has filed a claim against the property of VIRGINIA HILL in several cities, notably at Spokane, Washington, where she had a residence, and that they are now working out the tax case against her. He said that he did not

know the basis for the claims against HILL as represented in the items on which the Internal Revenue Bureau has now filed against her, but he assumes that it is for back taxes which have been declared but not paid. He indicated that Internal Revenue is now preparing a case for prosecution of HILL on charges of income tax evasion.

It is not anticipated that Internal Revenue Bureau at Los Angeles will make further inquiry of this office concerning the items mentioned above and no questions were asked regarding any of the information furnished.

The Bureau will be advised in the event any further inquiry is made.

As a matter of interest to the Bureau, this office, furnished information concerning HILL's income for the years 1940, 1941 and 1942 to Special Agent REX T. BLOM of the Intelligence Unit, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Los Angeles, on April 16, 1943. Special Agent GOODYKOONTZ was advised of this fact.

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: February 5, 1952

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT:

Jack Adams of the Associated Press called Holloman on February 4 and stated that he had an inquiry from Spokane, Washington, regarding Virginia Hill. He stated they had information to the effect that Virginia Hill had gone to Florida recently and had "skipped the country" by going to Mexico under the guise of a maid and had then gone to Chile. He stated there were also indications that she had taken with her a considerable amount of money. Jack Adams asked if we had any information that could confirm this story.

Mr. Adams was advised that the Bureau was not conducting any investigation of Virginia Hill and that we could be of no assistance to him. Adams stated he planned to check with Immigration authorities and the Treasury Department further regarding this matter.

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VIRGINIA ROGERS

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Virginia Hillburn, Virginia Watson,
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Hill was reportedly born August 26, 1916, at Lipscomb, Alabama, and later moved with her family to Bessemer, Alabama, where she attended grammar school.

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In 1932 or 1933 she met and married one George Rogers, who was allegedly from Alabama. They moved to Chicago, Illinois, where they separated after a few days. Hill has claimed that when Rogers died in 1933 he left her $50,000. She remained in Chicago, Illinois, after separating from Rogers and, though inexperienced, did obtain jobs dancing at various locations at the World's Fair. During this time she attended a dancing school and obtained employment as a dance instructor at this school. After spending about one year in this employment, she left to become a night club dancer. While dancing at the Chez Paree, she met one Joseph Epstein, a wealthy Chicago bookmaker who was allegedly involved in handling certain interests for Al Capone. Epstein is alleged to have fallen in love with Hill and while they never entered into a legal marriage contract, Epstein has, over the years, furnished Hill with substantial sums of money.

MRS VIRGINIA GRIFFIN

In the late 1930's Hill returned to Bessemer, Alabama, where she met and married one Osgood Griffin. This marriage was later annulled and Hill returned to Chicago and also journeyed to New York, where she was employed at various night clubs. During this period of time she made many trips to Mexico, the purpose of which has never been determined.

VIRGINIA VALADEZ

In 1940 she met and married one Carlos Valadez Gonzales, a Mexican dancer, and after a short marriage she divorced him.

Later she met one Juan Romero, a wealthy South American dancer, who resided in the home formerly owned by Rudolph Valentino in Beverly Hills, California. While living with Romero, she became infatuated with Magulito Valdez, a Cuban singer, who also resided with Romero.

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Virginia Hill was also very friendly with Ralph Capone's wife and on one occasion Capone's wife and Hill journeyed to the West Coast, and during their stay Capone's wife posed as a southern debutante.

Hill was a paramour of Ben "Bugsy" Siegal, a prominent hoodlum who was slain in gangland fashion in Los Angeles, California, in 1947. At the time of Siegal's demise, Hill was in Paris, France, and a rumor was running rampant in Southern California to the effect that she had her brother, Billy Hill, kill Siegal. No evidence was obtained to substantiate this rumor.

Hill appeared before the Kefauver Committee in March, 1951, and categorically denied that she had ever acted as a messenger or in any other capacity for any hoodlum. She emphatically denied that she had ever carried huge sums of money for them. At the time of this hearing, she was married to Herman Johann Hauser, aka Hans. She and her husband along with their child, Peter Jackson Hauser, who was born [redacted] b6 b7C at Boston, Massachusetts, were residing in Switzerland in 1952.

The Identification Division was unable to locate a record for Virginia Hill.

In the event any information comes to your attention indicating that Hill is currently in contact with any members of the organized crime element in the United States, it should be promptly brought to the attention of the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

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DATE: 12/12/61

FROM : Legat, Bern (92-4) (P)

SUBJECT: VIRGINIA HILL
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Mr. L. HAROLD MOSS, Internal Revenue Service representative, U.S. Embassy, Paris, France, advised on December 7, 1961, that VIRGINIA HILL is currently residing in Vienna, Austria, and was recently served with a summons by an Internal Revenue representative from Paris because of arrears in U.S. Government tax payments.

MOSS identified HILL as the former girlfriend of BUGSY SIEGEL, well-known West Coast gangster who was murdered several years ago. MOSS also stated that while it had never been conclusively established, it appeared that HILL was part of a communication network utilized by well-known hoodlums in the United States. MOSS stated that HILL is married to an Austrian, a former ski instructor at a Western United States ski resort.

While in Vienna, the representative of the Internal Revenue Service reportedly heard rumors to the effect that HILL is still maintaining ties with prominent American gangsters such as FRANK COSTELLO.

The Bureau and Legat, Bonn, are requested to furnish pertinent available information concerning HILL in order that appropriate inquiry may be initiated with Austrian sources to determine the precise nature of her current activities and contacts. It is requested that background, a copy of subject's arrest record and a synopsis of her criminal history be furnished in order that this check may be facilitated. (U)

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Salzburg, Austria

VIA ARMY COURIER

Date: June 28, 1954

To: John Edgar Hoover, Director

From: Cornelius A. Moynihan
Liaison Representative
Salzburg, Austria

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Attention: Assistant to the Director, L. B. Nichols

Subject: VIRGINIA HILL

On June 25, 1954, Mike Stern of Fawcett Publications ("True" Magazine) came to Salzburg, Austria from Rome, Italy to do a story on Virginia Hill, whose identity is well known to the Bureau, in view of her indictment in the United States for income tax violation. On June 27, 1954 Stern contacted me telephonically, stating that he is a close personal friend of Mr. Nichols, had learned that I was assigned to Austria, wanted to make my acquaintance and desired to talk to me about Virginia Hill. I told Mr. Stern that I was not in possession of any information concerning Hill and referred him to Lt. Colonel E.W. Strode, Public Information Officer, U.S. Forces in Austria. Stern stated that he was already in contact with Strode and with Colonel Frederick Lee, Provost Marshal, U.S. Forces in Austria and desired to meet me anyway. I arranged to meet with him at 10:30 A.M. June 28, 1954 in Colonel Strode's office.

On June 28, 1954 I met Stern and again pointed out to him that I was in possession of no information concerning Virginia Hill. During the conversation he had at that time with Colonels Lee and Strode he indicated that he was preparing an article on Hill for "Esquire" magazine. He apparently possesses a good deal of information concerning her all of which, he stated, he has previously made available to the Bureau and to other U.S. agencies.

He intends to return to the U.S. for a vacation in September 1954 and states that he will call upon Mr. Nichols at that time.

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He stated also that he is in Salzburg from time to time and will contact me in the future. It is ~~respectfully~~ requested that Bureau instructions be issued regarding any future contacts Stern may have with this office.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM : LEGAT, BONN (92-8)(RUC)

SUBJECT: VIRGINIA HILL
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Re Bern letter, 12-12-61.

This office has no previous information on subject.

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TO : Director, FBI (62-68739)

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[redacted] was contacted with respect to this matter on January 18, 1962. [redacted] advised that exhaustive investigation has been conducted by the [redacted] in an effort to establish HILL's current activities. He stated that to date no information or evidence has been developed that she is continuing to maintain her contacts with American hoodlums or hoodlums now in Europe who formerly resided in the United States. (U)

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He noted that he had carried on extensive correspondence recently with various representatives of the United States Department of the Treasury in Europe but to date he had no concrete evidence to support the assertion that HILL was maintaining her criminal contacts. (U)

He did note that investigation at Salzburg, Austria, had established that HILL is the recipient of considerable sums of money through a Salzburg bank, that she leads a very luxurious life, and that she, her husband and children travel extensively. [redacted] indicated that the [redacted] had made [redacted] the source of her funds. (U)

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[redacted] indicated that investigation in this matter was continuing and that all significant developments would be called to the attention of this office.

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TO : Director, FBI (62-68739) DATE: 3/15/62

WFD FROM : Legat, Bern (92-4) (P)

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SUBJECT: VIRGINIA HILL, aka
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Remylet 2/13/62.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies and for the New York Office one copy of a self-explanatory memorandum dated 3/5/62 which was received from [redacted] Vienna, Austria, on 3/12/62. Bureau attention is directed particularly to page two of this communication which reports that the monthly remittances being received from the United States by captioned individual was recently increased from $2,000 to $3,000. (U)

The enclosed communication also sets forth the results of negative inquiry by the [redacted] to determine the source of these funds. (U) b7D

It is recommended that the Bureau, through appropriate banking contacts of the New York Office, endeavor to determine whether the Bank [redacted] has an American correspondent bank and if so, an attempt be made to develop sources within this bank in an effort to identify the source of the funds being forwarded to subject in Austria. (U)

This case is being maintained in a pending status to report results of further inquiry by the [redacted] (U) with respect to captioned subject and her husband.

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(2 - New York) (Encl.)
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VIRGINIA HILL, aka
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Enclosed herewith are one copy of a letter from Legat, Bern dated 3/15/62 and one copy of a memorandum dated 3/5/62 which was received by the Legat, Bern from [redacted] (U) b7D

The New York Office is requested to determine, through appropriate banking contacts, whether the Bank [redacted] has an American correspondent bank and if so, an attempt be made to develop sources within this bank in an effort to identify the source of the funds being forwarded to subject in Austria. (U)

The result of your inquiry should be submitted in a form suitable for dissemination.

Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Virginia Hill, formerly the paramour of the deceased hoodlum "Bugsy" Siegel, has been associated with underworld figures for many years. Hill is currently residing in Austria. Information has been developed by Legat, Bern that she is receiving monthly sums of money in the amount of $3,000. New York Office being instructed to attempt to determine if subject's bank in Austria has a correspondent bank in the U. S., and attempt to determine the source of funds being forwarded to her. (U)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (62-68739) DATE: 4/25/62

FROM : Legat, Bern (92-4) (P)

SUBJECT: VIRGINIA HILL, aka Virginia Hill Hauser, Virginia D'Algy, Virginia Dalgy, Vera Harding, Virginia Hillburn, Virginia Watson, Virginia Epstein, Virginia Gonzalez, "Cot"
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Remylet 3/15/62.

Mr. L. HAROLD MOSS, Internal Revenue Service, American Embassy, Paris, France, advised on 4/18/62 that he had received information on 4/12/62 to the effect that the subject was at that time in Japan and that her next point of call on her voyage was to be Hong Kong. MOSS stated that insofar as is known, no date has as yet been set for her return to her home in Salzburg, Austria.

For the information of Legat, Tokyo, HILL, born August 26, 1916, at Lipscomb, Alabama, is the former girlfriend of BEN "BUGSY" SIEGAL and is married to HERMANN JOHANN HAUSER, an Austrian ski instructor. They reside in Salzburg, Austria, and their activities have been the subject of investigation by Mr. L. HAROLD MOSS because of an Internal Revenue violation on the part of HILL. The Bureau is interested in her because of her anti-racketeering activities and possible continuing contacts with American hoodlums both in Europe and in the United States.

It is suggested that appropriate inquiry be conducted by Legat, Tokyo, to determine HILL's current whereabouts and activities and her subsequent itinerary if such can be ascertained.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-68739)
~~(ATTENTION: LIAISON SECTION)~~

DATE: 5/29/62

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-2289)(RUC)

SUBJECT: VIRGINIA HILL aka
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Re Bureau letter to New York dated 3/23/62.

Enclosed are six copies of a letterhead memorandum regarding captioned matter.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York
May 29, 1962

Re: Virginia Hill also known as

On April 30, 1962, [redacted] Return Items Section, Return Items and Adjustments Division, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 95 Maiden Lane, New York, New York, advised that the American correspondents for Bankhaus Carl Spangler Company, Salzburg, Austria are Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York and Bankers Trust Company.

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[redacted] had no record of the Bank Sangler and Company of Salzburg, Austria.

On May 23, 1962, [redacted] Bankers Trust Company, 16 Wall Street, New York, New York, advised that an extensive search of their records failed to reveal any record of the subject under her maiden, married or husband's name.

[redacted] Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, 140 Broadway, New York, New York, advised on May 28, 1962, that an exhaustive search of their indices, collection payment files and general correspondence files failed to reveal any record of the subject under her maiden or married name or any record of her husband's name as doing business with that institution.

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TO : Director, FBI (62-68739)

DATE: 6/20/62

FROM : Legat, Tokyo (92-3) (RUC)

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SUBJECT: VIRGINIA HILL, aka.
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Re Legat, Bern letter to Bureau 4/25/62.

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In response to request in reflet, inquiry was made and stops placed with [redacted] all in Tokyo, and with [redacted] Hong Kong, and [redacted] (U)

To date, [redacted] have all replied that their records contain no indication that subject has entered either Japan or Hong Kong to date. These agencies state that our stop will remain in effect, and that this office will be immediately advised should subject come to attention in the future.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-68739) DATE: 6/29/62

FROM : LEGAT, BERN (92-4)(P)

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SUBJECT: VIRGINIA HILL, aka
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Reference Bern letter 4/25/62.

This is to advise that copies of the New York letterhead memorandum dated 5/29/62 were furnished to [redacted] Vienna, Austria on 6/29/62. (U)

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In addition, the writer was at the Hotel Schweizerhof in Zurich, Switzerland during late May, 1962, at which time he overheard a group of individuals discussing skiing activities in Austria and Switzerland. One of the group remarked that he had recently seen VIRGINIA HILL and her husband, HERMANN JOHANN HAUSER, at the ski resort of Zermatt, Switzerland. This information was also furnished [redacted] who was requested to institute appropriate inquiry at Zermatt to determine if subject is there, and if in the affirmative, to determine her activities. (U)

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Legal Attache, Bern (92-4) July 17, 1962

Director, FBI (62-68739)

VIRGINIA HILL, aka
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The Department has evinced an interest intthe source of funds and activities of the subject.

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Legat, Bern contact [redacted] Vienna, Austria, to determine if he has developed any additional information regarding the subject ~~(S)~~ (U)

Legat, Paris interview [redacted] Internal Revenue Service, American Embassy, Paris, France, to determine if he has any current information regarding the whereabouts of the subject. It should be noted that Legat, Bern reported in referenced letter that [redacted] stated that he had received information on April 12, 1962, that the subject was at that time in Japan.

Legat, Tokyo promptly advise Bureau if information has developed regarding Hill's whereabouts.

Legat, Bern furnish results of your inquiry in letterhead memorandum to reach the Bureau no later than August 8, 1962. The Chicago Office is being advised to consider feasibility of locating and interviewing Joseph Epstein, Chicago bookmaker who reportedly furnished funds to the subject in the past.

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This matter must receive preferred attention and all possible leads must be vigorously pursued to determine the source of the subject's income.

2 - Legal Attache, Paris
2 - Legal Attache, Tokyo (92-3)
1 - Foreign Liaison (route through for review)

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NOTE: Information has been received from [redacted] that the subject is receiving monthly remittances from the United States in the amount of $3,000 through (C)
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NOTE continued: [Austrian banks.] Hill received national publicity when she appeared before the Kefauver Committee in 1951 and was the paramour of Bugsy Siegel, deceased West Coast mobster.

The Department has indicated an interest in the source of Hill's funds.

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To: SAC, Chicago

From: Director, FBI

VIRGINIA HILL, aka
Virginia Hill Hauser, Virginia D'Algy,
Virginia Dalgy, Vera Harding, Virginia
Hillburn, Virginia Watson, Virginia
Epstein, Virginia Gonzalez, "Cot"
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The Department has evinced an interest in the activities and source of funds of the subject. Hill is currently married to Hermann Johann Hauser, an Austrian ski instructor, and resides in Salzburg, Austria.

Information has been received from the Austrian Criminal Police that the subject is receiving monthly remittances in Austria from the United States in the amount of $3,000. (U)

Hill was the paramour of Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel, a prominent hoodlum, who was slain in gangland fashion in Hill's apartment in California. At the time of Siegel's demise, Hill was in Paris, France. Information has been received that Hill has been friendly with Joe Fischetti and Joe Adonis, prominent underworld figures.

Hill appeared before the Kefauver Committee in March, 1951, and categorically denied that she had ever acted as a messenger or in any other capacity for any hoodlum. She emphatically denied that she had ever carried huge sums of money for anyone. (U)

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Following the Chicago World's Fair, Hill, while employed as a dancer at the Chez Paree Night Club in Chicago, met Joseph Epstein, reportedly a wealthy Chicago bookmaker who was alleged to have been involved in handling certain interests for the

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NOTE: Information has been received from the [redacted] that the subject is receiving monthly remittances from the U.S. in the amount of $3,000 through Austrian banks. Hill received national publicity when she appeared before the Kefauver Committee in 1951 a was the paramour of Bugsy Siegel, deceased West Coast mobster.

The Department has indicated an interest in the source of Hill's funds.

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notorious gangster Al Capone. Epstein is reported to have fallen in love with Hill and to have furnished Hill with substantial sums of money.

Unless compelling reasons exist precluding such action, you should immediately locate and interview Epstein concerning any information he may have regarding the forwarding of funds to the subject or her activities.

Submit results of your investigation in a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination to reach the Bureau by August 9, 1962.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (62-68739) DATE: 7/24/62

FROM : SAC, Tokyo (92-3)(RUC)

SUBJECT: VIRGINIA HILL, aka
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Remylet 6/20/62 and Bulet to Legat, Bern, 7/17/62.

No further information has been received in this matter. Stops are still in effect, and if anything is reported by sources of this office, the Bureau will be immediately advised.

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